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Allen (Miss) C. H.  
Anderson Mrs Mrs E. G.  
Haley - Mrs Carl - Mary Job.  
Ablahat. Samuel - (San Francisco)  
Allerton. Miss Jean - Stuart Mass  
Alberson. (The Rev.?) Charles Carroll Tenn  
Abbott. Mrs Mrs Paul  
Arnup - The Very Rev. Jesse T. D. D  
Avann. Mrs Joseph Meas - (Ohio)  
Abernethy. Evelyn. Belfast - Ireland  
Anderson - (Mrs Eleanor Copenhagen)  
Alexander. Mrs Ernest Raymond. (Hawaii)  
Ashbrook. Ella (W.H.S) 2 James.  
Abbott. Mrs Paul R. 2<sup>nd</sup> printed letter  
Allen. (Miss) Mary Harrison Y.W.  
Anderson. (Mrs Arthur Forrest) British

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Boutley. The Rev. Livington. Iran

Bird. The Rev. Phillip. D. D.

Brown. Miss Ellet M. Polk County

Barley. Mrs. Mrs Ch B. Jr.

Birnie. Mrs Douglas-

Boutinn. Donnelly Dallas 9 Mrs. Brewster,

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Beard.	Alicia	
Bulkley	Mad & Lucy	
Bailey	Jim & Caroline	
Beard	Nolan & Johnny	
Bent	Miss M. C. F.	
Barlow	Walker	
Barbour	R. F. (Bristol - England)	
Briest	Mrs. (Bryn Mawr)	
Bolmann.	Mrs & Louise	
Bissell	Miss May	
Brown	Miss Nancy & Michael B	
Bradley	Miss Elizabeth	Ywca
Barbott	George & Dorothy	
Barlow -	William R. (Rowell)	
Birdsall -	Popkin & Dove	
Brown.	(Miss) Carol. Putney St.	
Burr.	Miss Frederic. Englewood	
Brown.	Mr Tom Lester - (Margaret)	
Brooks.	(Miss) Louisa W. (with Dr. Alice Kilde)	
Blair.	Ida. Mrs Honey -	
Bell.	Miriam W. Shady Side Ch. Pittsburgh	
Boggs.	Ward. Soc. Pres. Ch. South. Louisvilles.	
Brown.	Mr. Arthur J.	
Bailey.	George & Betty.	
Barnes -	Sylvia. Shiloh Church.	
Burton.	Margaret.	
Banks.	Talcott Mines - (Andover)	
Brown.	(Mrs) Charles Reynolds.	
Blackwell.	Emily. Mrs F. D.	

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Boozy. Charles C. Andover

Bull. (The Rev) George T.

Barnes. (Miss) Gladys. (C. M. M. S.)

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Bennet. Wm S.

Braun. Mary. B. M. '94.

Beaver. Gilbert. Yorktown Hts.

Basinger. Mrs J. G.

Brownell. Elanor O. (Miss)

Baker. Mrs Stephen. (Mamie)

Barber. Kay & Laine

Bagley. (Miss) Helen A.

Bradley. Mildred. (Mrs Everett)

East. (Dr) Harry. Univ. of Wj.

Bowman. Borden -

Brown. (Mrs Charles Bennett) Mary Debra

Bennet. Mrs Howard. Ashville

Bennet. Mrs F. S. (Katharine)

Barnes. Miss Dora. (Susan - Sophie)

Bosch. "Helen" Mrs O. G. Lehigh

Barbour. Frau. Scotland

Barnes. Hilola.

Brown - Mrs Paul F. Atlanta.

Buchanan Tom J. Pittsburgh

Boyer. Mrs Helma. Tisbury. (no Starling)

Bols. Mrs Hamilton. Lehigh

Bryan. Alison R. The Rev. Thos.

Brown. Harry S. Soverno Park. Md

Birdell. Mrs Thos Charles.

Browning - Mrs Webster E.



- Coffin Doody & Henry
- Cushman Jim
- Cary Margaret
- Clare Du Poir
- Crichton Mark
- Coleman Helen
- Coan Howard
- Colman. Itig T. Beltz
- Cordwell - (Mrs) Carmen Boyer (Missio)
- Cornth. Miss. Wm. Miss Society
- Curtis. Adde M. England
- Coan. Howard D. Faust
- Clements. Dr. Dan Rex S.
- Cochran. (Miss) Jean Carter.
- Cadmon. Mrs S. Parker.
- Covert. Dr S. M.
- Cooper. (Bel's Mother) Mrs
- Chambelain. Mrs Pierre A.
- Carter. Alice. Mrs Edw L.
- Costas. (Mrs Russell)
- Conrad. (Miss) Edith. (= Basella)
- Chambas Mrs. Sathia (Cys friend)
- Cook. Adila. Mrs Joe (Pusia) Pottolonia.
- Clark. Mrs Louis Sample (= Basella)
- Cozy. Mrs Robt. (Julia)
- Cogswell - Hedyard. Dr. 70 St. St. Albany 7.
- Culbertson. William. Moody Bible Inst
- Carmichael. Clara Finley - (Hog) Postland Mrs
- Cobb - Mrs A.L. "Mama" Memphis - Tenn

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Chas. (Miss) Ellen. 10 <sup>New York</sup> Conway / 14. 7  
 Cook - Miss. (England) (Miss) Clark  
 Chen. D. Y. G. (President) Nat King  
 Curtis Mrs G. B. Archivist Centre  
 Cyren. (Miss) J. J. J.  
 Chameller. Mrs (2) Mrs. J. Bussell  
 Clark. (Miss) Anna M.  
 Cuyler. Mrs John C. Eugenia Bussell  
 Cushner. (Miss) Constance (Fincham)  
 Colhoun. (Ellis) Mrs D. W. (Miss) pro-  
 Coleman. Elliott. Baltimore. <sub>Jan</sub>  
 Crosby. John. Minneapolis.  
 Coleman - Wuljow. (Mrs) "Bill" "Conrad"

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Dronning. Miss Rita. 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Superior

Dumont. St. Louis News. 4<sup>th</sup> Floor.

Dovison. (Kate -) Mrs H. P.

Dovison. Mrs George W. ...

Doyle. Florence B. (Miss)

Dufoe. Kendall ?

Dewailer. The Rev. Jos. E. Dallas. Tex

Davison. Mrs Waller S. (The Rev. S. W.)

Derrah. Ted & Nora

Drummond. Mrs - "Jessie" -

Dunham. (Miss) Marcie D.

Dodd. Rosa & Ned -

Dresser. (Miss) Ellen E.

DunM. The Rev. Charles E.

Davis. Hulst. Pacific Coast coll

Dodgson. Mrs Cleveland E. (Polly -)

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Ekland - Miss Helen E.  
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 Edmund - T. R. ...  
 Egan, Susan, Mrs J. J. (Roberts)  
 Evans, The Rev. Frederick W., D. D.  
 Emmott - The Rev. Peter H. D. D.  
 Englewood Church ...  
 Elmora - Annie (= Amy) Mrs Carl.  
 Eddy - Shrewsbury - 9 houses (Gates)  
 Emerson - Mrs Kendall - ...  
 Edmunds - The Rev. H. Spenser, Eastern  
 Elliott, Ruth. (186?) Presbytery of ...  
 Everett. (Miss) Mobil.  
 Elliott. Mrs Harrison. ...  
 Elliott. Elizabeth & Hugo  
 Edwards. Daisy (The Lit of America)  
 Edson. Lucy Ellen. (Mrs Thatcher) ...

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George Dorothy (Mrs. Wills)  
 Gould Agnes G. G. Luce.  
 Gambell E. Stanley K.  
 Gilkey Charles G. G. Luce  
 Gross Henry G. G. Luce  
 Gooch. Mrs. Claire  
 Goodson. The Rev. Fred Fish. D.D.  
 Glaystern. Mrs. Wm. H. H. H.  
 Gross - Nancy  
 Gorrest. Mrs. Alfred L. (= M. H. S.)  
 Gotbold. Mrs. Raymond P. Japan  
 Gilbert. Annie H. H. (with Mary G. G.)  
 Gould. Mrs. A. B. (Conie Newton) Alabama  
 Gerhard. Miss Mary. Lancaster, Pa.  
 Grant. Edward D. (?) Pittsboro, Va.  
 Gunn. The C. J. (D.D.) Mrs. G. G.  
Ma Guitas. The Rev. Austin Phelps -  
 Goodyear. Eleanor.

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Hammer Christine  
 Harris Mrs James  
 Hazelton Mrs Hugh  
 Harg. (D.O) W.G.  
 Halls  
 Hornsby - D. Soest-Holland.  
 Holroyd - Dr James. McCoskie Printing.  
 Huntingdon. Elizabeth. (nee George Lt.)  
 Howarth, Mrs. (First Church)  
 Hill. (Miss) Agnes G.  
 Hodson. Mrs Bolls. Night Student Walk  
 Hopper. (Miss) Mary Jane. Y. W.C.  
 Heermance. Pauline. Y. W.C.  
 Hallon Frederick J. Y. W.C.  
 Higmann. (Mrs Miss) Leonard.  
 Howard. Mrs T.T. Willis. Albany.  
 Hulst. Maud Jackson. (Mrs Mrs W.)  
 Heermann. Mrs Mrs Hugo. N.Y.  
 Hinkamp. The Rev. Franchise J.  
 Hussey. Louis N. Poughkeepsie.  
 Hess. Abram S. Mt. E. Insurance -  
 Herbison. Mrs Ralph W. Jewellery.  
 Hawes. (Miss) Mar C. <sup>College</sup> ~~Barnes - Cochrane~~  
 Higgins. Geo. Y. <sup>Dayton</sup> ~~Bohn~~ <sup>Bohn</sup> N.Y.  
 Hunter. Mrs <sup>Bohn</sup> ~~Bohn~~ S. Pasadena  
 Hudson. Mr Thomas. Los Angeles.  
 Hutchinson. Mrs Mrs Ralph Cochrane  
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 Hodges. Mrs <sup>Bohn</sup> ~~Bohn~~ C.  
 Hammond. - Emily (Mrs) "Bohn"

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Huston. Charles W. (Jr)

Holick 194. The Rev Thomas W. Kind

Hays - Barbara & John

Holland. Mrs T. (Mary Wilson)

Horn. Miss Otola. (Klein)

Hoffer - Mrs Alex D. Josephine Pog.

Hudson. W<sup>m</sup> G. Massachusetts

Hutchins. S. E. "Officer"

Hartford. The Rev. W. F. - D. D.

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Miss Elkins #1

James - (Miss) Isaac E.

Jackson. Miss Mabel Stanley.

Jansway - The Rev. Francis -

James - Dr Arthur. Cincinnati

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Porter. Mrs H. P. (Passio)

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Reed (Mrs Chas. Lincoln) Miss  
 Reed - Clara  
 Rutland "186" Do  
 Rice - Anna W. W. C.  
 Roberts. Laboville. Harriet Miss  
 Rudd Holley  
 Rutherford Estella M.  
 Richards - Mrs William & Mrs S. F.  
 Roberson Lavinia  
 Richardson England. Rev. Mrs R. C.  
 Rubendall Prof. Howard  
 Russell - Bob Miller -  
 Ruid - Mary Ellen  
 Robinson. Mary Hagar (Barney) Miss E. M.  
 Reed. Harry & Eliza (Dr H. L.)  
 Rhoads. (Miss) Katherine  
 Robinson. (Mrs R. D. Howell)  
 Root - Mrs Maria.  
 Rorschauer - Mrs Mrs Karl.  
 Rowland, C. A. G. Bible Inst. Allen &  
 House. (Miss) Ruth -  
 Reid. Hoboken. J. J. C. 29 E. Colman St.  
 Ridgway. Mrs. 24. Lawrence Place  
 Robertson. Mrs Mrs David N. (Scottish)  
 Ritter. Dick & Emma (now in Huron St)  
 Rockefeller. "Abby & John" (Mrs Mrs J. D. Jr)  
 Richards Mrs Mrs Howell. Laboville  
 Reed. Chas. L. Jr. & Barbara & "Chick".

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Scholle, Mrs. Howard.  
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Pharmaker. Sam. & Helen - (Chicko. T. D.)

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Sailer Be 29 Passes

Shearman Daisy

Stone Helen San Francisco.

Strong John Colorado.

Spier B. 119 Betty

Samaha <sup>Woburn Mass</sup> in family (Pass)

Symon <sup>Leicester.</sup> Mrs Charles

Scott (Vernon Pk) Mrs & Mrs Paul L.

Swindle Mrs Sam J.

Scott Dr Mrs Charles

Styler Frances B. Soc.

Spanhawk <sup>Hartford.</sup> Mrs John. M.

Sawyer (Hollis) Mrs Edward

Sydney - Mrs Margaret A.

Smith - Mrs F. E. - Child -

Stinson - Mrs G. B. -

Stanton - Edith. (Miss) Y. Cal.

Snell - Mrs Helen Eliza H. (Hollis St)

Sanders - Student Nurse

Serrill. Bishop / Henry Beat -

Sullivan - Passes & Graduate.

Stockpot - Frances. (Mrs [unclear])

Shadick - Nellie - (Mrs Harold)

Swartz - Henry H. (Bro. Aid) Leicester

Sims. Mary. (Miss A. B.)

Slade. Corcoran. Mrs F. J. -

Slone. John Timothy. Rev - S. D. 9

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Staley. Mrs Mrs - 1 So. America. 2 Y. Cal.

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Shumway - Mrs Augusta - (Hudson)

Scott - George & Ruth

Skinner - The Rev. Dr. S. S. ...

Seville - The Rev. Gardner

Scrumian - Dr (Mrs) H.

Spunt - The Rev. Jas. "Waste & ..."

Spier - Mrs Tom Charles Pellum

Seiler - The Misses - Susannah

Swain - The Rev. Wm Jas. Rumburg D.D.

Simmons - Mrs Casper - Rome, Ga

Sailer - Mrs ...

Scarborough (Mrs) Dorothy? ...

Seaholtz - Anna (Miss)

Stoddard - Mrs Thos Paul St. Concord. <sup>Regional</sup> <sub>stage</sub>

Simpson - Mrs J. Y. (Hattie) ...

Smyth - The Rev. George Hooper - ...

Stackpole - Mrs Wm. Maria Talbot. (Wilmington)

Stover - Mrs Charles - Passy ...

Szymora - President (Yale)

Shumway - Robert B. 40 Ann. Mission Tabern. Lane.

Stout - (Dr Henry) Louis with 2<sup>nd</sup> ...

Spinney - Dorothea (Miss)

Sullivan - Mrs ...

Spouts - Wm (Billy) ...

Spears - The Rev. ...

Schell - The Rev. Wm P. ... (Horriet)

Steinbock - Mrs ...

Symington - John. Caskey - ...

Stone - The Rev. Lawrence M.



Thompson. (Mrs) Haverhill.  
 Taylor. Mrs. Susan To. (Kensington)  
 Turner. Eugene A. Y. M. C. A.  
 Terhune - Harmon B. <sup>Forwards</sup> Pa. '89  
 Timlow. Evelyn Mrs W. Farrow  
 Torrance. Mrs David W. Norfolk.  
 Thomson. - The Rev. August. Concord N.  
 Tappan. David S. - Hiram - China.  
 Taylor - Mrs Howard. Yorkville N. Y.  
 Thomson. Mrs D. L. (Brookfield Center)  
 Taylor. (Mrs Job) - One Hiram N. Y.  
 Thrall - see Geo. T.

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Vaerman. *Am. Crab*. (England)

Vasna — at Aunt Clara's

Vale. *Roy Enig*. N. B. W. D. Rev.

Von Aschala. (min) May 13.

(Warner - hors. *Am. Dec.* Solisberg.)

Von Dussa. *Henry Pittroy*.

Von Santvorde. *Am. Dec.* Younger

Von 914 von Wylke. *Cornelia*

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 Williams Miss Margaret  
 Wiles (Mrs H. J.) Mary  
 Warner. (Mrs Phil.) Millicent.  
 Williams. Mrs Sarah. ( )  
 Woyle. Anna Lucretia A. Yela  
 Walsh. Mr & Mrs Charles. Louisville Ky  
 Watson. Mrs Emil Spens. Nigra Superior  
 Watson. Dr Charles K. - Egypt  
 Winfree. (Miss) Edith. Wagonway.  
 Workman. Mrs Julia. Belle Field.  
 Williams. (Mrs) Pearl  
 Wood. Edward C. "Near Northfield" '91-  
 Woodward. Lina Delano. Mrs Augustus  
 Waller - Hazlet Ind.  
 Watson. (Mrs) Thomas J.  
 Watkins - Mrs Asa - (Not Day)  
 Walters The Rev. Wm (Mexico)  
 White. The Rev. J. Campbell D.D.  
 Whallace. (Walter Horvitz -) D.D. Newark  
 Wood - (Lucy S. Jackson) Birkdale. Lane. England  
 Walker. The Rev. Raymond C. D.D. Mt. St. Helens  
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John Alexander Mackay

Springdale Princeton, New Jersey

December 3, 1947

My dear Mrs. Speer:

I shall never cease to sorrow that absence in Mexico on missionary business deprived me of the privilege of being present at Dr. Speer's funeral service. Separated from New Jersey by more than two thousand miles, and in the midst of the Diamond Jubilee celebration of the founding of Presbyterian missionary work in Mexico at which I had several addresses to give, there was nothing I could do at the time but send you a telegram. Now, however, that I am back home I am sending you a few lines to express to you and yours how I feel about his passing.

I first saw and heard Dr. Speer when I was a student in the University of Aberdeen. In 1910, the year of the World Missionary Conference at Edinburgh, he came to Aberdeen to deliver the Duff Lectures. As I listened to him deliver those lectures on successive afternoons I felt that he was the greatest man that I had ever seen or heard. As the years and decades past and it became my privilege to work in intimate association with him in the Board of Foreign Missions and later in Princeton Theological Seminary, I have never had occasion to alter my original judgment. Whether measured by intellectual capacity, breadth of knowledge and sympathy, massive structural power and spiritual passion in the delivery of his messages, statesmanlike vision of Christ's Kingdom, and selfless devotion to the Saviour and Lord of his life, he continued to be the greatest man I have ever known.

Not only did I owe to Dr. Speer in my early student years a great deal of the inspiration and passion with which I looked forward to missionary service, but I can never forget that it was through his importunity that I came to the United States from Latin America. In the work of the Board and later the Seminary my missionary father became my beloved friend and colleague in the work of Christ. It grieved Mrs. Mackay and me to see him so ill looking when he was here at the Fall Board Meeting in October, but he insisted on fulfilling all his duties, indomitable spirit that he was, who never throughout his life

John Alexander Mackay

Springdale Princeton, New Jersey

thought of himself but only of his duty. I had hoped that he would rally as he had done after his operation. But Heaven longed for his higher service and the Lord he loved could no longer leave to the ways and tasks of earth the one who had adorned his Gospel through so many crucial years. Dr. Speer was a crusading saint whom it would irk to be laid aside in inactivity. He died on the battlefield with a long list of engagements before him. He went fresh from the fields of conflict into the presence of the victorious Lord.

Now that he has gone, work and life are lonelier than I have ever felt them to be through the passing of any other human being. But there remain what he himself used so often to speak of in giving consolation, the dear memories of the past. Our Christian heritage and tradition have been enriched with new and holy recollections. On the King's highway footprints of a traveler may be discerned whom we will follow with our feet as he followed Christ. The thought of him having reached the end of the road and entered into rest inspires many lesser people like myself to follow on in the same path and to wage the same good fight.

May God grant you and yours, dear lady, His richest and holiest comfort in your bereavement, and may He grant to you and Miss Margaret and Mrs. Berbour, and William and all the grandchildren, fulfillment of his gracious promise to the widow and the fatherless.

Yours with deep affection,

John A. Mackay

Springdale

Princeton N. J.

December 7, 1947.

Dear Mrs. Speer,

I know that you have been receiving so many letters as to be almost overwhelming. For that reason I have delayed in adding mine but I feel that I must tell you how much you are in our thoughts and in our prayers in this your hour of deep sorrow and loneliness.

You have walked life's path together in close and blessed fellowship these many years that the separation, even for a little while, is not easy to contemplate. Words are hopeless to express how we shall all miss Dr. Speer. My husband said the other day,

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"It just seems impossible that life goes on without Dr Speer" He is now drawing us instead of pointing us to our eternal Home. "A new heaven and a new earth" were the words Dr Speer spoke from, when he conducted that unforgettable service at the funeral of George Irving. "For me" he said, "there is a new heaven because George is there and there is a new earth because George is not there". I thought of his words in Englewood the other day as Dr. Coffin so beautifully repeated "I saw a new Heaven and a new earth". A great part of us all has gone to Heaven in the entering in of Dr. Speer and a great void is here on earth because he has left us.

My husband was distressed

not to be able to be with you for the Memorial service. The tidings of Dr. Steer's death came to us as a great shock since we did not know that he had been ill. He was very far from well when he was in Princeton in October. I had never seen him look frail till then. We are so thankful that the Lord took him Home without his having to pass through a long period of suffering. I know you, too, are thankful for this, and we are assured that the halo of the presence of the Lord - the Comforter - is healing and strengthening you in this hour of your special need. That the Comforter may abide with you is our continual prayer.

Dr. Speer's beautiful robe arrived on Wednesday afternoon. You cannot imagine how moved my husband was as he put it on. I think he felt almost as Elisha must have felt when Elijah's mantle became his. Dr Speer has been John's ideal of a Christian and a missionary strategist since he was a young student. To have been chosen by you as the one to possess this precious memorial of him is to confer upon him a very choice honour indeed. He will himself write to thank you but I want you to know how very deeply I, too, appreciate this honour and precious gift.

It was wonderful of you to write me

the little note regarding the note  
in the midst of all your obligations  
at this time. I certainly treasure that  
note.

With loving sympathy which  
finds great difficulty in expressing  
itself adequately in words,

Yours affectionately

Jane L. Mackay

Mrs. Henry Smith Leiper



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Leonia, N.J.

Dear Mrs. Speer:

This is just a line  
to send you my deep  
and loving sympathy  
in your great loss.

Paul & I were at the  
service at Brookside  
and were both impressed  
at how truly the beauti-  
ful words from the  
Bible fitted Dr. Speer's  
personality and life.  
It was so triumphant  
and inspiring to realize  
how ready Dr. Speer was

for the life beyond.

It means much to all  
of us that Murray's  
daughter, Kim, had  
several contacts with  
Dr. Speer at Shipley.

most affectionately

Elvie Leiper

17 East - 11<sup>th</sup> Street -

New York - 3

Thursday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> -

Dear Mrs. Speer -

Since

learning the sad news  
of the passing away of  
your wonderful Christian  
husband, you have been  
much in my thoughts.

I want you to know you

have my deep sympathy  
in your condition.  
Your great faith and  
courage will make it easy  
for you to carry on until  
a while and then enable  
you to help + comfort  
those dear and dear to you.  
Dr. Spurr has at last  
seemed his work done and  
has retired - He lives

And what he preached -  
I deeply appreciated -  
and his ~~kindness~~ ~~that~~  
he helped ~~many~~ ~~many~~  
souls ~~on~~ ~~the~~ ~~road~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~  
place ~~of~~ ~~life~~!

You will cherish many  
happy memories of your  
blessed married life -!

Day love to you -

Caroline L. Hull

Rush Taggart

Sunset Lane

Rye, New York

December 21, 1947

Dear Mrs. Spear:

This is to express to you my  
deepest sympathy in your bereavement.  
and the great loss, both physical,  
and spiritual which is tremendous.  
His inspiration and energetic action  
were great assets to you. You will always  
have a beautiful memory of him to cherish.

Sincerely,  
- Mrs. -

I will see you

Fairfield Iowa.  
Sat, Nov. 29-47,

Dear Mrs Speer

Since receiving the word  
of Dr. Speer's <sup>death</sup>, I can think of nothing  
else - He and my husband  
J. Albert Miller. were life long friends.  
While their lives ran along different  
lines of mission work, they kept in  
touch, each with the other,  
well; so I remember the first  
time I saw Dr. Speer, in public  
and heard him speak - He was  
addressing an audience, largely  
made up of young people - at a  
"Student volunteer convention" in  
Burlington Iowa, He wore a coat  
with <sup>side</sup> pockets - He rammed his

hands into those pockets and  
did no gesticulating, But  
oh!! the force of that talk  
to the young people - He  
was the means of sending  
many young people to foreign  
work.

I have not really recovered  
from the shock of the death of  
my husband - I just seemed  
to go to pieces, in spite of  
my effort, and the help of the  
Lord. - I do hope and pray  
that you may not have a  
like experience.

I want to take this opportunity



to thank you for the precious  
friendship you showed toward  
my dear boy, Zeus -

I am spending the winter  
with my son, S. Porter Miller  
He is Professor of Chemistry  
in Parsons College, and we  
live on the campus,

Sincerely,  
M. A. Miller,

Mrs. Charles Middlesworth Scarborough

my dear Emma,  
you and the family  
have my dearest love and  
sympathy in the passing  
of our beloved Robert.

you will have to face  
emptiness and loneliness  
and pain without his dear  
presence, but your great  
faith and nearness to God  
will give you the strength.

Oh blessed thought he  
has gone to life eternal  
and we shall see our  
loved one again.

The church world and  
the missionary world will  
miss him sorely. Robert  
was such an outstanding  
leader in the religious  
thought and life of  
Christian people everywhere.

It was a privilege to have  
known your loved one,  
and to have been in your

home.

I will be thinking of  
you. my prayers and  
love go to you and yours.

affectionately,

Esther.

Nov. 30, 1947



Dr. George Jones -

1704 Madrasbrooks Rd.  
Alhambra, Cal

Dear Mrs. Speer -

Even in these first days of loneliness and sense of loss in the separation from your dear husband I know you have cherished memories of the past - and a glorious future to anticipate in the reunion with dear ones.

Your husband's wonderful life of Christian living has enriched so many -

Mr. Jones and I have valued Dr. Speer's

and your frequent help,  
across many years -  
and prize Dr. Speer's  
books he had  
auto-graphed and sent.

Our sincere  
sympathy goes  
across the miles  
to you and your  
family - at this  
time of bereavement.

Sincerely  
Edith Dimes

December, Third.

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Mrs. Bruce Galbraith

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My dear Mrs. Speer,

My heart goes out to you in your loneliness. May you find consolation in your memories as the deepmate and steadfast companion of that magnificent human being who was your husband.

Sincerely yours,

Natalie Galbraith



Sunday  
November 30



My dear Mrs. Speer:  
I heard the  
announcement of Dr. Speer's  
death - over the radio - this  
morning.

May I express my  
deep and sincere sympathy  
over your great loss.  
It seems to me - that I  
have also suffered a loss -  
my husband and my  
Halmer - so deeply admired

Dr. Speer Harold  
after spoke of him -  
we almost named our  
son for him. He  
wrote me most kindly  
at the time of Harold's  
death and has sent  
me one of his books -  
to comfort me. I told  
him also of our  
daughter, Barbara, and  
I have before me - a  
note in which he

addressed me as  
Gertrude so that I  
felt as if I belonged with  
Harold and Mary-

This is a rather  
disconnected note but  
I would like you to  
know that your husband  
exercised a beautiful  
influence over our  
family life-

Most sincerely  
Gertrude B. Holmes

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282 Sijourney St  
Hartford, Conn  
December 1, 1947

Dear Mrs Speer,

I am writing to  
extend to you and  
to your family my  
deepest sympathy in  
your loss of W. Speer

I put in one of the great  
privileges of my life to  
have known him - His

long life of service in  
helping to bring  
in the Kingdom of God  
will always be an  
inspiration to those

who followed in his steps -

Very sincerely yours,  
Marion F. Hopkins

180 JEFFERSON ROAD  
PRINCETON, N. J.

December 1, 1947.

Dear Mrs. Speer:

Since my college days--he was in '89 and I was in '88--Robert Speer has been to me a true friend and an inspiration, as he always will be. We feel that a light has gone out, and that the Seminary, and the Church and the world will be poorer without him. Your own bereavement and loneliness will be correspondingly great.

I venture to make a few comments on his career as I have followed it with deep interest, hoping that what is said from a personal angle may add a little something to the volume of eulogy and sympathy that will reach you from all lands and all parts of the Church.

In college Robert Speer was an outstanding leader in scholarship, oratory, and athletics as well as in religious work. As a young man he was

--"seeking a mission to fulfil.

Yea, a hundred missions to inspire."

Then he became a great missionary statesman and chief of staff, leading the Church in its most important mission. Through his addresses and sermons, his books and writings, he greatly enriched the Church, but in his intellectual and spiritual leadership he never lost the personal touch. I am one of a multitude who were proud to own him as a friend and who were, or tried to be, better Christians because of his friendship and influence.

We know that the gates were opened wide and that the silver trumpets were sounding on the other shore!

Mrs. Johnson joins with me in sincerest sympathy with you and yours.

Faithfully yours,

Wm Hallock Johnson

YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION  
OF PITTSBURGH

METROPOLITAN HEADQUARTERS

405 SOUTH DITHRIDGE STREET

MAYFLOWER 1829

Wm. D.

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December 8<sup>th</sup>

My dear Mr. Speer,  
The Board of  
Directors of the Pittsburgh  
Young Women's Christian  
Association asked me  
to write assuring you  
of our love and sympathy.  
We, with you, rejoice  
in God's promises to  
such as you and your  
distinguished husbands,  
so we know that you  
have that "Peace that  
passeth all understanding."



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You have been an  
inspiration to many  
of us as we have seen  
and heard you at  
Conventions and have  
read your magazines  
and purposes.

Our prayer is that  
God will keep you  
very close to his  
loving heart.

Very sincerely yours,  
(Mrs. F. H.) Louise E. Trumble  
Corresponding Secretary

Nov 10  
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52 EAST 66TH STREET  
NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

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Dear Mrs Speer -

I want you to  
know that during  
these weeks since  
your husband's  
death, I have  
not been mind-  
ful of what

you have been  
passing through  
to have been  
the wife of so  
noble a Christian  
gentleman, whose  
power and in-  
fluence in this  
world have  
been all.

for good and constructive  
purchases must make  
the loss of his earthly  
presence an exceptionally  
painful sorrow.

My husband and I  
want you to know of  
our sympathy and I  
want you to know how  
very much you as a  
person have always  
meant to me. Sincerely yours  
12/17/47 (Mrs. Wallace) Florence S. Hamilton



I am sure to be great  
consolation in the  
fact - he lived and  
gave much comfort  
and spiritual help  
to so many. This  
is such a lovely  
season to join our  
Heavenly Father it  
was the nicest time.

for him to do  
assuring you of my  
deepest love and  
sympathy

Sincerely,  
Mary Sullivan

December  
10<sup>th</sup>

Nov 10

LYALL MEMORIAL FEDERATED CHURCH  
MILLBROOK, N. Y.  
CHALMERS HOLBROOK, MINISTER

December 1, 1947

Dear Mrs. Steer,

News of your great bereavement has been late in reaching us and we are deeply shocked. I sincerely believe that few men in this country exerted a stronger influence on our spiritual life and I can think of no greater comfort than the knowledge that his long life was powerfully dedicated to Christ and that so many lives were ennobled by the influence of his spirit. I know too how great is your sorrow and want you to know of our great sympathy.

Sincerely yours,

Chalmers Holbrook



Nov 10

Friday, December 5.

Dear Auntie Emma,

It was a great shock to me to read in the paper last week of Uncle Rob's death, and a very hard fact to realize. He has always seemed so alive, and

so full of the will to live,  
even when he was so sick of  
Presbyterian, that it's very hard  
to believe him gone.

This is a very poor ineloquent  
note, but I just wanted you  
to know how much you and  
Uncle Rob mean to me, and  
how I wish there were  
something I could do for you

ADJ.

With much love to you.

Betsy Quoss Kirkpatrick

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My dear Mrs. Speer:

On account of sickness in our family and my daily attendance at the hospital, I did not know of the passing of your good husband until I received "Monday Morning" this week.

Strange, my first thought was of that fine hymn "For all they saints who from their labors rest, thy name O Jesus be forever blest. Alleluia"

I can understand how you miss him and yet what a joy to know that doubtless "all the trumpets sounded for him". You can look

with grateful, humble pride back  
over the years of his service.

He was one of five men, my  
father being the first, who did  
much for me. Ever since my  
entrance to seminary in 1893,  
I have been devoted to him.

We have exchanged notes quite  
often and at Christmas there  
was always a word from him.  
I shall miss it this year but  
only gratefully to thank God  
for his example and his  
friendship.

Very sincerely yours.

W. C. Tuttle

Nov. 3 1945

# The First Presbyterian Church

Reverend Robert S. Cocks, Pastor

Galeton, Pennsylvania

My dear Mrs. Speed -

It was with deep personal and community love that we all learned of the death of Dr. Speed this past week, for just as short a time had passed since his visit here and a delightful service at which he gave us a message on "The Duty to Make the Past a Success." We extend our sympathy to you as a congregation in hopes that knowing he was dead to people in small towns like ours as well as in high church councils may prove a little consolation in your loss of a great husband and the finest sort of Christian. We loved him too.

Mr. + Mrs. Charles Lusk.  
 Alan Brown  
 Paul Mosch  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harris  
 Mr. + Mrs. E. Franz  
 Margie Lusk  
 Mrs. Anna Connelly  
 Mrs. J. W. Gusk  
 Carrie Krause  
 Mrs. + Mrs. Philip Moore  
 G. A. Orving  
 Mrs. + Mrs. J. W. Gusk  
 W. Gale Lusk

Robert S. Cocks, pastor.  
 Dr. N. H. A. pt.  
 Don Heath  
 Harry Lusk  
 Robert F. Swelle  
 Leonard Brown  
 Roy Lusk  
 O. W. Brown  
 Judy Brown  
 Patsy Zeaman  
 Joan Anderson  
 Jean Hitzel  
 Janet O'Brien

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The First Presbyterian Church  
YANDELL BOULEVARD AT STANTON STREET  
EL PASO, TEXAS

STEWART WILLIAM HARTFELTER  
Minister

December 11, 1947

To the family of  
Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Lakeville, Connecticut

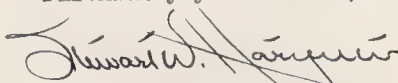
My dear Friends:

It was not until late last week that I learned of the sudden and quiet passing of our dear, beloved Dr. Speer.

Last Sunday morning at our regular meeting of the Session I mentioned his death to our Elders and they asked me, in behalf of the church, to write you extending our love and sympathy. In the meeting of the Session we offered prayer to Almighty God thanking Him for the life of Dr. Speer and for the great work he did in our generation in the work of the Church and the Kingdom of our Lord and Christ. Men like Dr. Speer do not die. His spirit lives in the heart of the Church and in the generations to come, after those of us who have had the sweet privilege of knowing him have also been called home, his world-wide influence, strength of character, brilliant scholarship and remarkable vision will still be a guiding force in the life of the Church at large.

May God bless you and comfort you with His peace and tender love.

Faithfully your friend,

  
Stewart W. Hartfelter

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# The Church of the Covenant

(PRESBYTERIAN)

250 WEST SEVENTH STREET

Erie, Pennsylvania

RALPH CANFIELD MCAFEE  
MINISTER

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*New Times*

December 12, 1947

Mrs. Robert E. Speer  
Rockledge  
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Speer:

The Session of our Church has learned, with profound sorrow, of the translation of Dr. Robert E. Speer.

The entire official family of our Church, comprising its Elders, Deacons, and Trustees, participated in plans for Dr. Speer's visit to Erie in January. He was to have preached on the first Sunday morning, to have spoken to our young people that night, and to have conducted Bible classes and preaching services during the evenings of that week. We feel that we have been deprived of great riches which he would have brought to us.

We are mindful of his notable service, through the Presbyterian Church, to the Kingdom of God. We beg of you to accept this assurance of our profound sympathy.

In the name of the Church of the Covenant, and by authority of our Session, I beg to remain,

Respectfully yours,

*Harry W. Sims*  
Harry W. Sims  
Clerk of Session

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Antigua, Guatemala

**AIR-MAIL**

Mrs. Robert E. Speer  
825 Montgomery Ave  
Bryn Maur  
Pennsylvania  
U.S.A.

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AIR-MAIL

Antigua, Nov. 4, 1947

My Precious Emma; Your beautiful letter came, and it is doing so much to comfort me! It is indeed a wonderful thing when the love of the Father and the nearness of His dear Son can give the strength that not only sustains you but gives out to the rest of us the healing touch of His Comfort. This "Fellowship of the Holy Spirit" is marvelous, and I thank Him for it - and for your knowledge and use of It. My beloved friend - in spite of the miles between us I feel close to you. I am so glad to learn that Patty came over and that your children are with you, and that you have Miss Speer's lovely home to be in until the winter abates. Glad, too, to know that your blessed husband did not have much to suffer. I feel sorry, -so sorry - that I did not sense the fact that you might have been more troubled about his health than you showed, and that I did so little to help you when I was home. Surely you will find much to do and give out to those "given you out of this world." They are all we can reach and who are willing to take what we can give.

Of course you know the following but I quote again to you as being as near as Shelley got to the great truth. In the same poem he becomes entangled with human mis-apprehensions, but here I find help..

That Light whose smile kindles the Universe,  
That Beauty in which all things work and move,  
That Benediction which the eclipsing curse  
Of birth can quench not, that sustaining Love  
Which through the web of being blindly wove  
By man and beast and earth and air and sea,  
Burns bright or dim as each are mirrors of  
The fire for which all thirst; now beams on me,  
Consuming the last clouds of cold mortality:

We might not understand this had we not found the light that Adala Curtis threw on the "eclipsing curse of birth", the human entanglement in the life of every one of us. Not to die, as Shelley wished, in order to be free of it, but to so LIVE in the Light that shines in the face of Jesus Christ is our way on. I am sure your beloved husband knows far more than we do about this now. Often I wake in the night with a very dear and near sense of my blessed mother loving me. I always feel that she is understanding and trying to help me. I always thank Jesus for it. Your days and nights will be filled with more love and help than ever, darling.

And way off here - oh I love you so!

Cassie

Nov. 5,  
1945

Montreal, Canada

Dec-12-47.

My dear Mrs. Speer:-

A recent letter from Edith Kabb apprised me of Dr. Speer's home going. May I express my very sincerest sympathy and my deep thankfulness for having known one so evidently a servant of Christ and so like him as Dr. Speer was.

Years ago I sat in an audience and listened to

Mr. Speer and Mr. Mott  
who sat, one either side  
of Mr. Moody and talked  
to us of their faith and hopes  
in the work they were to  
undertake for Christ.

Later, as the wife of a  
Presbyterian Missionary, I  
often was in touch with  
what he was doing. Mr. Bain  
and I trusted and honored  
him all through the years  
and were greatly inspired  
by his words and looks.  
Many have written this

same. Trying to you &  
know it is a help at such  
a time as this to hear such  
word of appreciation so I am  
adding my voice to theirs.

He stands before him  
the Angel of whose Presence  
stands beside you to uphold  
and to bless.

Most sincerely

Susan G. Blair  
(Mrs. Herbert E. Blair)

Korea

Nov 14

Weatherford Tex. 12--8-1947.



Dear Mrs. Speer; my church paper this morning & later today a letter from a niece in New York City brings me the sad <sup>news</sup> ~~news~~ that noble husband has passed over to be with the Lord whom he served with such signal ability these many years. I

met him but a few times in life, but that was sufficient to create in me a marked <sup>affection</sup> ~~affection~~ and knowledge of the word of our blessed Lord Redeemer. We were together at Mr. Moody's summer school in Northfield in July 1891. Those were

marked days in my life as a servant of our Lord Redeemer. I want you to know your faraway friend feels for you <sup>dearly</sup> ~~dearly~~ sympathies with you & your wife. I know

what keen sorrow is. 17 years ago "our dear girl's baby died at birth & the darling mother three days later. We miss her keenly and we seek <sup>low to</sup> ~~low to~~ our heavenly

Father's will know the blessed truth "All things work together for good to

them that love God" Rom. 8:28 may the Lord comfort your heart & give you beauty

for aches, the oil of joy for mourning the garment of praise for the spirit

of heaviness is my prayer. Sincerely your fellow laborer in the <sup>in</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>dom</sup> ~~dom~~

Jos. V. McCall  
of our blessed Lord Redeemer,

.7.I am not sure I have learned your address today but I send Motherly  
love & message & prayer that a merciful father shall sustain you the  
daughter in this trying hour.

Sincerely J.V.McC.



~~Jno. W. McCall.  
Weatherford Tex.~~



W  
Mrs. r. A. Speer,

Lakeville, Conn.

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Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>  
1940

December 14<sup>th</sup>

My very dear Emma,

You have been so much in my thoughts and prayers since the passing of your beloved husband into his larger life.

What a glorious life he gave to the world and his heritage to you is the blessing which must sustain you. Never two people were more perfect husband & wife

& he has gone before to  
prepare the way for  
the work you will take  
up anew in our  
Heavenly Father's Kingdom  
Yes you were a constant  
inspiration to him, as  
he was to you, & what  
a perfect example for  
all who knew Dr.  
Spier, was your mar-  
ried life and home.

The sympathy for  
you & Mrs. Emma is  
very tender, for in June  
and only beloved sister  
entered her Larga.

live "an excellent a-  
giving tribute" - I write for  
all. All my loved ones are  
on the other side. I am  
carrying on in this home  
and set long, hoping I can  
long remain here. We both  
had loved Greenwich & do  
new friends have made us  
very happy. Being near to us  
I go often for some of my  
to these meetings.

I see dear Emily Burman  
each week - summer & winter  
on the Erie only 15 miles  
away <sup>in summer</sup> so our devoted friends  
step of almost 40 years  
continues with increased  
devotion.

It would be a deep  
joy to see you & put your  
arms around you & I  
always have left you  
Guthrie & the distance &  
years of separation has not  
diminished my admiration &  
love for you - your beautiful  
self. We feel the nearness  
of our loved ones in the  
Christ spirit which has no

separation but we miss you & meeting of happy times  
I hope you are getting on well & hope to see you  
soon again & hope to see you in the next life.

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Nov. 45

3307 W. W. D. D. D.  
Dallas 5, Texas.

My dear Mrs. Spurr: -

You have been much in my thoughts since our headquarters minutes brought the sad news of our great loss in the call home of your beloved husband.

I know so well the empty place in your heart and home, now though not



rejoiced in his triumphant victory -  
what a resounding "Well done" must  
be his! - How complete is his wonder-  
ful life of splendid service.

Now as I send you and all who  
sorrow with you my sincere sympathy.  
I thank God for a life so dedi-  
-cated and used for so many  
years - what comfort in your rich  
memories of your life together.  
You will have so much to acknowledge.  
So do not add my name to your task.  
But just think of me as an old  
friend who loves to remember your  
cherished friendship and consecrated  
leadership.

Asking His Comfort. As ever  
affectionately your friend.

12/8/47.

Sallie L. Hanna  
(Mrs. John M.)

Nov 5  
1947

209 North Portland Ave.

Ventnor, New Jersey

Dec. 10. 1947

Dear Mrs. Speer,

Mrs. Schuler and I desire to express to you and to all the family our sincere sympathy and Christian love in the great sorrow that has come to you. It is also our sorrow, and that of many others, literally and without exaggeration that of millions of people in all parts of the world. Dr. Speer was known everywhere, and everywhere greatly beloved and respected.

I have often said it is worth being a missionary in Persia just to get the friendship and personal relationship that has been mine with Robert E. Speer. That intimate relationship over a period of nearly fifty years has been one of my greatest blessings. Many other, no doubt,



have given the same testimony, per-  
haps not many for so long a period.

I remember a statement by Dwight  
L. Moody about like this: "Some  
day you will read in the papers that  
Dwight L. Moody is dead. Don't you  
believe it. At the time you read that I  
shall be more alive than I have ever  
been."

Dr. Spier's life in this world was  
so full of all that makes life worth  
living that one wonders what it must be  
in the higher and more spiritual  
world.

Permit me again, my dear Mrs. Spier,  
to express in behalf of Mrs. Schuler  
and myself our sincere sympathy with  
you and our appreciation of  
Dr. Spier.

Most sincerely yours,

Harry Schuler

REID STUART DICKSON  
411 CALIFORNIA TERRACE  
PASADENA 2, CALIFORNIA

Dec. 20, 1947.

Dear Mrs. Speer. -

My heart goes out to you, in these hours. The word of your husband's passing has just reached me, and, in company with the host of those who loved him, I am sad at heart. I have known Dr. Speer since my boyhood in Philadelphia, shortly after his graduation from Seminary - or, his acceptance of the call from the Board of Foreign Missions.

He was later associated in the work of the Church, and, allways, his friendship warmed my heart. Just a little while ago, I had an affectionate note from him, in reply to a word I sent to him, on the occasion of his eightieth birthday. And now, he is <sup>in</sup> the presence of the Lord, whom he loved, and with whom he lived so intimately, and whom he commended so lovingly, in all his ministry.

May God comfort your heart, and give you the quiet joy of rich memory in the days that lie ahead. Our hearts are sore indeed, but we thank God, for the gift of this Greatheart.

Faithfully yours,  
Reid S. Dickson.

Nov 8. 1945

Edwin Holt Hughes  
691 ROLLINGWOOD DRIVE  
CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND

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RETIRED BISHOP  
THE METHODIST CHURCH

Dec. 5, 1947.

Dear Lady in Sorrow:

Your husband was a  
Grand, Grand, Man. He  
can now be at home in  
no place, save in  
Heaven. There God  
will take good care  
of him. — even as  
the same Lord will  
comfort you. To his  
Grace I commend you  
in my prayers.  
Yours Ever.  
Edwin Hughes.

Rev. Eugene A. Hessel  
712 Wright St., Manila  
Philippines



**AIR LETTER**

**VIA AIR MAIL  
PAR AVION**

Mrs. Robert E. Speer  
Lakeville, Conn.

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WILL BE SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL**

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NO OTHER ENVELOPE TO BE USED.



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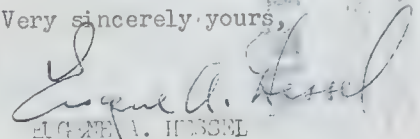
712 Wright St., Manila  
November 30, 1947

Mrs. Robert E. Speer  
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Speer:

We have just received word of the death of our beloved hero, your husband. I shall treasure to the end of my life the privilege of knowing him personally during our pastorate at Millerton. Sometimes heroes "fall flat" when you know them personally but to me Dr. Speer grew in spiritual greatness as I saw him at close range, and now here in the Philippines we are doing our best to help fulfil some of his dreams. Please accept the heartfelt sympathy of Mrs. Hessel and myself.

Very sincerely yours,



EUGENE A. HESSEL  
Pastor  
Ellirwood Church

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OCT 18

144 St. Radbrooke Ave. Winnipeg  
LOYD S. RULAND  
Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 48. Canada.

Dear Dr Ruland-

I have pleased to write  
a note of thanks to you  
and to Mrs Spear for  
the Devotional booklet which  
arrived several weeks ago  
I have enjoyed it - I thought  
I should write to Mrs Spear  
too, but seeing I had written  
her when I heard of Dr Spear  
I am going and she wrote

me such a very precious  
letter. I thought it  
best not to do so - I am  
sure these wonderful letters  
Mrs Speer wrote. Cost her  
a lot of strength. Words  
fail me to tell how much  
Mrs Speer meant to me -  
and I am sure to every Chris-  
tian missionary - I have many  
times thought of sending  
you a special note of  
thanks for letters sent  
from your office - a

Times I have felt - I have  
not been ~~caused~~ <sup>by the Board</sup> ~~to~~  
postpone and <sup>1</sup> ~~lose~~ time, but I  
should miss them so  
much seeing I am far  
away from my own  
Church - and <sup>congregations</sup>  
friends - so I let you  
send them and enjoy  
them. Thank you for every  
thing at - for ever -  
To Mrs. P. and - my affectionate  
greetings - most cordially  
Allen E. D. D.



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October 18, 1948

Mrs. Robert E. Speer,  
Rockledge,  
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Mrs. Speer:

Thank you for your letter which came this morning. We shall be glad to take care of the elimination of the price mark on the jacket of each of the copies of "Five Minutes a Day." We shall look forward to the printed folder as soon as it is ready.

I am forwarding to you at this time a letter from Miss Ellen E. Dresser, one of our Honorably Retired missionaries who was an associate of mine during the days of my missionary service in Nanking. I have thanked Miss Dresser for this letter and told her that I would tell you that the letter did not require an acknowledgement. Miss Dresser appreciates how busy you are with all the correspondence connected with the death of Dr. Speer.

Sincerely yours,



Lloyd S. Ruland.

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Enc.



Sept 21-48

Dear Mrs Robt. E. Spear

As we are now about the threshold of another autumn in 1948 I thought I would drop you a line. I have a birthday book in which I have the names of loved ones who are so precious to me, and indeed so near and dear to me. I just love to refer to them from time to time. A reference from the bible is found on the pages for each one. The one I have for Robt. is II Tim. 4:7, 8. I would <sup>love</sup> to know what your birthday is so I may add it to all the others. I suppose I can <sup>get</sup> the desired information from the Westminster Press Philadelphia about the various books of Robt. E. Spear which he has written or has been written about him. If not please let me know. where I will appreciate so much.

Yours sincerely Thomas Hudson.

June 19, 1948  
5423 S. St. Andrews Pl.  
Los Angeles 37  
California

Dear Mrs Emma Bailey Speer

Your precious gift to me reminds me of the bible, the more you read it, the more one enjoys it and the more knowledge and truth one derives from it. We have many books in our library but none more precious than the bible and the "Five minutes a day book". I have so often wondered if any one has, is or is going to write a book on the life of Robert E. Speer. If such is the case would you please let me know about it. I am sure you well know by this time, how much I think of him. How happy I feel when I think of the birthday message I wrote him on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. I like so much the way you closed one of your three letters, the one you wrote on March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1948. So I am going to close this one in the very same way.

Ever yours sincerely,  
Thomas Hudson

June 7. I have re-read  
and really should re-write  
for there is too much

ellipsis - I'll  
send on for I Hotel Palmerston, Durban, Natal  
Union South-Africa  
Know you'll understand,  
J. S. D.

June 2/48

Dear Mrs Spear

Thank you for the booklet you  
sent so that I can daily at prayer time  
as it were, hear Doctor Spear speak - the words  
we know he would say were he present  
in the body. He continues to speak.

As I take up my pen memories  
come in like a flood - The first time  
I met Dr. Spear was when he and Dr. Mott  
visited Chief. Caline Wright and I was  
engaged - and we had happy fellowship  
on Temple Hill in Dr. Nevins' house -  
It was a joy to Caline for they had known me  
and her in Princeton. (The workers is Broad  
Casting Morning Prayers - Oh for a thousand  
tongues to sing our Great Redeemer's Praise  
Scripture - Jno. 17 - "The hour is come - eternal life -"  
13-12 -

Prayer - Grant that we may follow the example of  
those who have served Thee here - we may  
together be in Thy presence in Eternal Life

The advice Dr. Spear gave me includes one word -  
"Well - prepared" - that is over fifty years ago.



Dr. Spier had a marvellous gift of  
making one feel one belonged - & like  
Jesus - it comes more and more precious  
as the years go by - Never alone I am with  
you always - God keeps watch, twist me & thee.  
I am so glad to have words Dr. Spier  
quoted - rich in comfort and inspiration.  
"Shall I tell you the words Calvin  
left with me?" "It is worth suffering to  
have one's mind so clear." Job 11: 17  
"It is better to die than go back" and God  
will take care of you" - the greatest  
"mercy, peace & love (John 2), were  
multiplied" to me at the time, I could  
not understand how God was fulfilling  
his answer to "Set my glory & word about  
all the earth" by not healing Calvin -  
when he asked me if I did not want  
to give, was it not due to your say  
bro? Why of course - There is nothing  
too good for the one who gave" as it  
so loved - So came the joy in having  
a gift! Calvin had only 38 years -  
Dr. Spier 80, marvellous opportunities  
What a gift - you had to give joy. I  
am certain joy must flood your heart.  
The joy of making them happy in meeting  
face to face - as you give

You know all this I am certain - but it is a comfort to fellowship together -

Jesus says "With desire have I desired to eat this Passover with you" - Almost daily as I re-read the prayer and his book of devotion which never grows less in value I pray for you and yours - You have the unwillous rewards of giving your best -

You have to continue giving Margaret as I do Frances - How He rewards!

I told Frances when she left in Feb. - I was giving again - And I just cannot tell you how He gives to me, it would be a great delight if He led me back to live in China where there seems to me the greatest need for me -

But as Dr. Scott told me once, God was us everywhere - All life is centred in Him and so as to-day's Daily Light says

"Here we have no continuing city, we seek one to come" and "the door of the Father's House is near closed"

Mrs. Wain the minister's wife and I open the church every Thursday for a time of prayer together and He sent us a teachers' Preparation class for Bible study at our hour of prayer -

Yesterday we met with a Temperance  
Alliance Committee - I was appointed  
with two others to join the Committee to  
represent the W.C.T.U. It was a  
time of fellowship - It is a great work.  
Sweden has world-wide contracts -

I did so want to go on the  
S.S. Tegalberg last autumn to Shanghai  
A Chinese friend went - but  
the way was not open - such  
His consolations are ready -

I must not weary you  
further -

My love to you and yours  
especially Margaret - whose remembrance  
to me in prison camp was  
- I cannot find the word -  
incredible - (The W.M.S. in Madison Ave  
has also those of rich visionaries.)

Church. My letter, above, is unsatisfying  
and inadequate - Please read  
between the lines - and as occasion  
offers, my greetings to mutual  
friends - I hope you see Dr & Mrs. Coffin -  
Yours affectionately  
J. E. Wright -

P.S. Would you not like to know the coming week's schedule -

Sunday, 10. S.S. 11 service. Y. Faith Communion  
4-5 Beach Evangelistic

Monday 1-2. Schoonmuck - S.S. teachers  
5-6. Open air service,  
City Gardens & Bus stop

Tuesday 9 - Hospital - Clinic.  
3-4. Africa Evangelistic Band  
7.30. Presbyterian Women's  
Association

Wednesday 10 - W.C.T.U. Y. Choir -

Thursday - 1-2 - Open air gardens  
4 - S.S. Teachers - Traps -

Friday - Junior League

fill in with home (hotel) duties  
and calls -

and oh so many open doors.  
Should I send you -  
Saturday's paper Church  
Notices.

I thank God who enableth -  
"What a house, house, work"  
"We're living in the now"

"The sun gives ever - Who gives, not is not living  
The more we give, the more we live"  
7.9.24.



Please  
Forward,

Miss. Robert Spear

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JUL 2 1909

LOYD S. RULAND

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July 20, 1948

Mrs. Robert E. Speer,  
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Mrs. Speer:

I have just received a letter from one of our Honorably Retired missionaries, Mrs. Calvin Wight, formerly of Chefoo, China, to be forwarded to you. I feel that a brief word of explanation should go with the letter. You can note from the letter itself that Mrs. Wight has reached the age where she is feeble and her thoughts are often somewhat disconnected. She lives very much in the inspiring memories of the past and her grateful association with Dr. Speer and other leaders of our Church.

In a letter that came from you some weeks ago, you expressed your purpose of presenting to the Board for distribution among its active missionaries copies of Dr. Speer's inspiring devotional book, "Five Minutes." I wish to report that these copies have not yet arrived. I am mentioning it because it may be possible that they have been missent. On the other hand, it is quite possible that the shipment has been delayed until the end of summer. We shall be glad to forward them to our missionaries as soon as they arrive.

I hope that you are having a very comfortable summer at Lakeville. If Mrs. Ruland and I happen to be in that area at any time, we shall certainly drop in to see you.

Sincerely yours,

  
Lloyd S. Ruland

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PA204

P.HKA531 PD=RS DETROIT MICH VIA LAKEVILLE CONN 26

MRS R E SPEER=

825 MONTGOMERY AVE BRYN MAWR PENN=

1947 NOV 26 PM 3 00

I WAS GREATLY SHOCKED AT THE PASSING OF BOB MY CLASSMATE 00  
AND FRIEND OVER ALL THESE YEARS. HE WAS OUTSTANDING IN OUR  
CLASS AND HIS WORLWIDE SERVICE TO OTHERS HAS BEEN FOLLOWED  
AND ADMIRRED BY OUR FINISHING CLASSMATES. I WISH TO EXTEND  
DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR DAUGHTERS AND SON IN YOUR  
GREAT LOSS=

ALVIN C MCCORD. 3

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PA163

P.HKA05 NL PD=CHICAGO ILL 25 VIA LAKEVILLE CONN 26

MRS ROBERT E SPEER=

325 MONTGOMERY AVE BRYNMAWR PENN=

MRS MCCARTNEY JOINS ME IN EXPRESSING OUR DEEP SENSE OF LOSS  
IN THE PASSING OF DR SPEER. WE WILL ALL FIND IT DIFFICULT TO  
THINK OF HIM AS GONE FROM AMONGST US BUT HE WILL ALWAYS BE  
PRESENT WITH US IN SPIRIT WITH HIS GREAT INSPIRATION. THE  
DIRECTORS OF THE CHICAGO SUNDAY EVENING CLUB JOIN ME IN  
SHARING THIS LOSS=

ALBERT JOSEPH MCCARTNEY. ?

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PA085

P.HKA74 NL PD=TULSA OKLA 24 VIA LAKEVILLE COHH 25

MRS ROBERT E SPEER AND FAMILY=

.825 MONTGOMERY AVE BRYN MAWR PENN=

WE SEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE LIFE  
AND WORK OF ROBERT E SPEER=

MR AND MRS CHARLES W KERR.

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1927 NOV 25 PM 2 14

P.HKB151 PD=NORTON VIR VIA LAKEVILLE CONN 25

MRS ROBERT E SPEER=

=825 MONTGOMERY AVE DRYN MAWR PENN=

PROFOUND SYMPATHY. AFFECTIONATELY APPRECIATING THE GREATEST  
OF OUR CHRISTIAN NOBLEMAN=

CHARLES R ERDMAN.

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PA222

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P.NB333 PD= NSH NEWYORK NY 25 410P

MRS ROBERT E SPEER, CARE MISS MARGARET SPEER=  
SHIPLEY SCHOOL BRYN MAWR PENN=

OUR BOARD AND HIS MANY FRIENDS IN OUR ASSOCIATION EXTEND  
TO YOU AND FAMILY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN THE DEATH OF DOCTOR  
SPEER. HE WAS A GREAT MAN AND NOBLY SERVED HIS GENERATION=  
HENRY A ATKINSON.



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PA220 SPG420

NOV 25 PM 4 29

P.BZ43 PD DL=NEWYORK NY 25 320P

MRS ROBERT E SPEER=

BRYN MAWR HOSPITAL PHILA=

I HAVE SEEN YOUR HUSBAND IN THIRTY YEARS BUT HE MADE A DEEP  
IMPRESSION ON ME IN MY SCHOOL DAYS. CERTAINLY HIS CHURCH  
AND THIS COUNTRY IS THE POORER FOR YOUR SAD LOSS=  
HUGH BULLOCK.

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P. NJ 142 PD=NEWYORK NY 24 427P

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MRS ROBERT E SPEAR=

CARE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ENGLEWOOD NJER=

A TRULY GREAT CHRISTIAN GENTLEMAN HAS GONE TO HIS  
REWARD IN THE PASSING OF YOUR DEAR HUSBAND AND OUR  
DEARLY BELOVED BROTHER DR ROBERT E SEPAR MRS DEARBORN  
JOINS ME IN EXTENDING TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY OUR SINCERE  
AND AFFECTIONATE SYMPATHY=

=R J DEARBORN.

Through the dark and shadowed night,  
The Master's ever-loving hand  
Has led your loved one tenderly  
Into His bright eternal land:  
And may He bring you comfort now  
And free your heart of grief and care,  
Leaving only treasured thoughts  
And memories of your loved one there.

Mr. + Mrs. Richard J. Dosker

*With Sympathy  
In the Loss of  
Your Loved One*



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P.HKB150 DL PD=WUX NEWYORK NY VIA LAKEVILLE CONN 24

MRS ROBERT E SPEER=

:825 MONTGOMERY AVE BRYN MAWR PENN=

:PROFOUND SYMPATHY FROM ELSIE AND MYSELF A NOBLE AND  
CHRISTLIKE LIFE ENDS TRIUMPHANTLY AND ALL THE TRUMPETS  
SOUND ON THE OTHER SIDE=

HENRY SMITH LEIPER.

BARROWTHWAITE  
ONE PAULIN BOULEVARD  
LEONIA, NEW JERSEY

November 24<sup>th</sup> 1947

Dear Mrs. Speer :

I have just sent you a wire to express my sympathy in this hard experience of parting from the dear companionship of the many years. It seems like a personal bereavement to us because we have known and loved him for so long.

In spite of the sadness and longing I am sure the dominant note in your prayer is gratitude to God for the wonderful fulfillment of a long and beautiful life of service and inspiration. No man can ever measure to you that your husband accomplished for the Lord Jesus and the world of men.

It was his voice and his influence that led us into full time Christian service and the same could be said by countless others.

Those of us who owe so much to him  
are challenged anew by his going to his  
for the things he loved - and we can say  
of him: "He that doth the will of God  
abideth forever."

Yours affectionately,

Henry.



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MISS MARGARET SPEER=

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OUR MOST AFFECTIONATE SYMPATHY TO EACH ONE OF YOU S. DEAR TO  
OUR BELOVED FRIEND. BE SURE THAT OUR HEARTS ARE WITH YOU  
TODAY AND TOMORROW AND ALWAYS=

J V MOLDENHAWER.

43 FIFTH AVENUE

My dear Mrs Spear

On this blessed day of Thanksgiving my mind has turned again and again to thoughts of our dear beloved Robert E Spear. And every thought is a reminder of his greatness and his goodness. In the days of my youth, indeed when I was but a student, his name was already heard by us as of one whose very presence in the Church was enough to bring joy to every Christian heart. And so it has been ever since so that today not only at the service but before and after, all souls were silently and vocally paying their various tributes to his memory. Happy for me I was able to draw from the service I could not attend by my country partner James Cushman and Dr Zimmer. You know how much that has meant to me.

I long to see you - If that cannot be before it will surely be when the service is held in memory of Dr Spear. There is both gladness & pride (surely a great proper pride!) in remembering his peace & yours with us

in the First Church, — his place as  
an Elder & the uniquely distinguished  
welcome always given him when he came  
to preach for us. I am glad indeed that  
it was so often that at least was a  
popularly most beautiful and sound  
man and kept.

Much comfort is mine when I re-  
flect upon the perfectness, the bond that bond  
you together and both of you to our Heavenly Father.  
I am thankful to know that all the blessed  
consolation that belong to Christ's very own dis-  
ciples is yours.

Ine again to you & my mother  
your devoted family our love  
thinks & endures,

Ever affectionately yours

W. McCreary

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528 East Washington Street, Orlando, Florida  
December 6<sup>th</sup> "47

Dear Friend, Zeila and I have had you and your dear children on our hearts and in our prayers from the hour when we were overwhelmed by the <sup>and</sup> telling of the home-going of dear Robert. I find it impossible to adjust myself to the great transition. Even in the midst of great loneliness we cannot but think of his entrance into the land of large dimensions and its marvelous fellowships. A week from today the little great one Annual Retreat in Dr. Turner's apartment. In reading in my notes for the month, Prayer Reminders I shared with the few remaining colleagues the two following paragraphs:

"Praise God for the many years of priceless fellowship with Robert year. What do we not owe to his wonderful interpretation and exemplification of our living task and to his heroic challenges to press into ever and ever wider vistas of the world program of Christ."

"Thanksgiving. After the years of closest, unbroken friendship and cooperation with Robert from student days in the late '80's down to the present joyful times, there has not been a month in which I have not been indebted to him for wise counsel and superhuman support in prayer. I find it impossible to adjust myself to the absence of his vital presence and unerring direction. How true it is that our little group must draw ever and ever more close to each other and wage a more aggressive warfare against apathy, unbelief and sin! In what specific ways can and should each one of our little number but every forward his unmistakable demise as our belief"

If there is anything I can do for you or your children, or in carrying out the wishes of Robert, it will be a privilege.

Zeila is having trouble about the use of her right hand but is sending you a little book of Mary Brockman which she thinks you will find helpful. With heartfelt prayers of sympathy and affection to your whole family group in which Zeila joins me.

Yours faithfully, John R. Mott

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156 FIFTH AVENUE  
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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

December 5, 1947

Mrs. Robert E. Speer  
Rockledge  
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Speer:

As Acting Secretary of our Board for India and the Near East in Dr. Dodds' absence on a trip to India I am glad to pass on to you a cablegram just received from Mr. Muller, the Executive Secretary of our Iran Mission. It reads as follows: "Convey Iran Mission's deepest sympathy Mrs. Speer."

As you may know, Iran is my own field and I well know what it meant to the Mission to have Dr. Speer for our Board Secretary for so many years, for I served as Executive Secretary of the Mission for a period of fourteen years and hence had the privilege of being the one to carry all the official correspondence with him. When we first went to Iran in 1911 Mrs. Allen and I were guests for three or four months in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hawkes, and we often heard them speak of your first visit to Iran, when you and Dr. Speer were their guests, detained in Hamadan because of his attack of typhoid fever. When Dr. Speer came on his second trip in 1922, it fell to my lot to go to Kermanshah to meet him and escort him to Hamadan, which has been my station for all but two of my thirty-six years in Iran.

In attending the beautiful memorial service in Bryn Mawr I recalled the cablegram that Dr. Speer sent me when my wife died in 1927 and I was left with four small children. Expressing his sympathy, he referred to John 13:7--"What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt understand hereafter." As he extended to me this word of comfort in my time of sorrow, allow me to add to the cablegram from the Iran Mission my personal expression of deep sympathy engendered by a common experience.

Very sincerely yours,

*C. H. Allen*

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December 4, 1947

Mrs. Robert E. Speer  
Lakeville  
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My dear Mrs. Speer:

All of us who knew and loved Dr. Speer were deeply grieved to learn of his passing. While it is true that he had reached a ripe age, and had the privilege of departing in the midst of his usual vigorous powers, his death, nevertheless, casts a shadow of sorrow over us all.

He was one of the giants of our time in the religious world. He was one of the few men who, for many decades, has stood head and shoulders above the rest and has exerted an influence greater than most men of his generation. Many of us will have the feeling that the work of the church will not be the same without his stalwart and devoted presence.

We know that you must take great comfort in the appreciation of his many friends, and in the knowledge of the significant part he played in the life and work of the church for many years. Surely the trumpets will sound for him on the other side, and we can be happy over the new areas of service into which he has entered.

Deepest sympathy to you and the other members of the family in this time of sorrow.

Sincerely yours,

*Deane Edwards*

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November 30, 1947

Dear Mrs. Speer,

Beyond the meagre word of the telegram which Rose and I joined Mrs. Gould in sending you, we wish we knew how to tell you of the joy and strengthening that our relationship with you and Dr. Speer has brought us. We have never left your home without thinking or uttering the words, "A benediction"!

My own memory of Dr. Speer goes back to a youth and early manhood in which his name stood for all that was brave, pure and devotedly Christian. Everyone I knew on the mission field thought of him as beloved leader and friend. To find him at Lakeville after all these years, a ~~and~~ neighbor still so sweetly gracious and strong, so broad in his sympathies and self-forgetful in his purposes meant for me a uniting of past and present which has much personal significance.

You have been so good to us in so many ways; you have so given of yourself to the work we have a part in and to the meeting of our personal problems; do let us know at any time if there is anyway we can help. Most of all be assured that you have our loving thought and prayers.

Affectionately yours  
Rose and Sidney.

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December 1, 1947

Mrs. Robert E. Speer  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Speer:

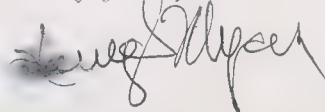
Just yesterday I learned in a letter from Arthur Limouze of the passing of Robert Speer. He was the first person interested in missions who made much impression on me. I was then in college, a sophomore, I think, and his speech that night followed up by hearing him on other occasions probably had more influence on my decision to enter some type of mission work than any other person.

Then in 1908 when I went to New York as secretary of the Missionary Education Movement ( called the Young People's Missionary Movement then) my office was on the ninth floor at 156 not far above his.

His long life has been richer in its spiritual content than that of any person that I think I ever knew. I have not seen him since he retired but I have heard of him a good many times.

May God's blessing be upon you and give you the strength and comfort that you need.

Sincerely yours,



Harry S. Myers

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Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church

Lookout Mountain, Tennessee

The 29<sup>th</sup> of December  
1947

Said I would  
send this minutes  
& Program  
if desired

My dear Mrs. Speer:-

Your very thoughtful and gracious letter came Saturday, as a tremendous shock to us. We had not, as you assumed, heard a word, sure here, of the home-going of your beloved husband. We therefore the more appreciate your taking the time and trouble to write us of it. We have since passed on your letter for my sister Nell to read and return, as her late husband, Dr. Laury L. Little, <sup>(of Chicago)</sup> was such a life long friend of Dr. Speer.

Words cannot express what we thought of him. We loved him dearly, and will never feel the fact of his leaving. The world shall not see his like again. He was truly one of God's noblemen and was used to His glory as have few of His human instruments. What a blessing to have had him these years! Nothing can deprive you of the priceless memories which you now treasure of the 54 years of comradeship. May God comfort and keep and sustain you ever.

Yours truly  
James Sprunt

letter, of his having "moved into another  
room of the Father's House", that I could  
not refrain from mentioning it yesterday  
in my sermon. I was speaking to the  
people on the words of John 13: 3, 4, 5: "Jesus  
knowing that he came from God, and went  
to God.. took a towel and girded himself..  
and began to wash the disciples' feet."

Surely your dear one has gone home  
to God for whom he came and while he  
was here, he spent his years in the  
Christlike service of his fellowmen.  
O God, to me may grace be given to follow  
in his train! He was ever a great  
inspiration to us both, and our lives  
will ever be stronger for the fact that  
his shadow, passing by, fell upon us.

Kate joins me - this inadequate  
but sincere expression of our profound  
sympathy and love in this hour  
of your separation for a time.

affectionately yours,

Jennie.

Mrs. Robt. E. Speer  
225 Montgomery Ave  
Dryn Haven, Pa.

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Mrs. Robert E. Speer,  
825 Montgomery Avenue,  
Bryn Mawr, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Speer:


Just as I was planning to write you a letter regarding the homecoming of your dear husband your check for \$25.00 to the China Colleges arrived. The receipt for this is enclosed. We appreciate it very much.

I have often told your good husband that next to my own father he was more responsible than any one else for my having spent nearly forty years as a missionary in China. I jokingly held him responsible for all my wrongdoings and dumb playing during those two score years. He claimed that he was quite willing to take this responsibility.

Many are those who like myself thank him for guiding us into foreign service. I recall that at a missionary meeting on one occasion about a dozen of us missionaries were talking about the influences that led us to the foreign field. With one exception only they said that Dr. Speer was largely instrumental in the making of their decisions. We shall miss him no little. My wife and I went the length of Manhattan to hear him preach at the First Presbyterian Church last summer. It was the last time I saw him but we shall never cease to thank the Lord for him.

With warmest personal regards, I am,

Yours cordially,

  
Robert J. McMullen  
Executive Secretary

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Westminster Presbyterian Church

Madison Avenue at Olive Street  
Scranton, Pennsylvania

Peter Kenneth Emmons, Minister

My dear Mrs Speer:

I do not need to tell you that the news of Mr Speer's death came as a terrible shock to me as his own death did to all of his hosts of friends. I was worried about him at our Board meeting in Cincinnati last month and when I took him to the train that evening tried to get him to promise me that he would cancel his speaking engagement for the next evening and go to bed when he got here. We seemed so very weak and rather oppressed in his breathing.

On the other hand I had the impression, as I have for the past couple of years whenever I have been with him, that he was simply glazing in the thought of keeping going as full force in his Master's work right up to the last day of his earthly life. From this standpoint I am thankful, and I am sure you are, that his desire was fulfilled and his earthly life ended in the full vigor of undiminished usefulness. Actually, from every side, I have heard repeated testimony that his ministry of the Word and spiritual



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Leadership have meant even more to the work  
and life in the Churches during these past few  
years since he has been released from his  
administrative responsibilities, than ever before.  
What a glorious life he has lived and what good  
of individuals young and old of all races  
and classes have come to know God better through  
knowing him.

My own life and ministry in Christ's Church  
are traceable directly to a visit he made to  
Princeton University just when I needed his clear  
testimony and challenge to keep me from wandering  
off into intellectual skepticism. I thank God  
for his friendship and spiritual companionship in  
these late years since I have had the privilege  
of more intimate fellowship with him.

May God bless and keep you and your family  
and give you a share of unbroken fellowship with  
one beloved as he has entered into his higher  
service. My wife joins in sending our loving sympathy.  
Most sincerely  
Peter Kenneth Emmons

REV. THORNTON B. PENFIELD, D. D.  
156 MAPLE STREET  
ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

November 25 1947

Dear Mrs Speer :

This morning's paper has brought Mrs. Penfield and me the word that our dear friend, your beloved husband has been called home, and our hearts are warm with loving regard for you and each of your children and happy memories of him.

How rich and beautiful a life has been his! God has used him and blessed him and enriched the world through him; and today, from all over the world I can feel the fervent prayers: "Thank God for Robert E. Speer and all he has meant to us and to all mankind."

Your every remembrance of him will be a comfort to you I know. As I write, I have before me the gracious friendly message he wrote so recently for the occasion of the celebration of my eightieth birthday. I treasure that letter and have a flood of happy memories of him and his many kindnesses to us of the Penfield family.

May God give you comfort and help in the days of separation and in the consciousness that the unseen world is very near to us, day by day.

With affectionate regards I am

Thornton B. Penfield

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Mrs Robert E Spur  
2c 156.5 Ave New York City

318.22d Ave  
San Francisco, Cal  
Dec 10. 1947.

Dear Mrs Spur.

With great sorrow & sympathy: I write to you. I hope & pray you are well and trust God. I pray for you: that may had comfort <sup>to you</sup> in this time.

Hope you will remember me: in 1910: I had a big shipment of Persian Rugs: Dr Spur & you came down to see them: on 2d floor in big hall. 156.5 Ave same time ago a lady in Berkeley she told me your good friend Dr Spur made his 80 year old. I am 80 year old too: I was going to write to Dr a nice letter of congratulation: but 2 weeks ago I heard: my dear friend Dr Spur has away: a man of God: a wonderful leader of all Presbyterian Church in the ward: in 1896: he came to Paris: all ministers like him: He was happy looking & people & smile: a real leader & brother of Christian people. I have some of his letters: will keep them as long as I am live.

Dear Sister: we are all Belgians: we are going to our peace home in heaven: which Christ prepares for us St John 14.3. May the God bless you & yours.

I am your brother in Christ Jesus.  
(Please excuse my mistakes in letter), Abraham O. Samuel



185 Bay State Road  
Boston 15, Mass.

November 28, 1947

Dear Mrs Speer,

Please accept Mrs. Bryan's and my heart-felt sympathy for yourself and your son and daughters. While you feel deeply the separation and loneliness, I am confident you are comforted with the same strong faith that sustained your husband throughout his life and ministry.

You may recall that I am the grandson of Kate Plumer Bryan of Titusville, Penna. Dr Speer greatly influenced me in deciding to enter the ministry and later missions in Western India. So many stimulating, challenging memories of him flood my mind, in this country, and India! There will be an opportunity to write of some of them later.

May our heavenly Father richly bless and comfort you and your children!

Yours very sincerely,

Alison R. Bryan



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February 12, 1948

Mrs. Robert E. Speer  
825 Montgomery Avenue  
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Speer:

Your letter of December 20 touched me to the very depths of my soul. I was so glad you mentioned the fact that Dr. Speer "was never more conscious of the help of prayer than when he was in Louisville." Just as soon as I read that I wrote a letter to Mr. Robert G. Haney who organized the prayer meetings that were held each day for ten days preceding the meeting and also to Mr. Richard V. Wood who had charge of the prayer service each evening just preceding the service in the church. I was really surprised at the readiness of the response of the people in this matter.

I do earnestly hope that someone is going to write a worthy life story of Dr. Speer. This certainly ought to be done. The inspiration of such a life ought to be kept alive throughout all the coming years. It seems to me that such a book would be of help along this line. He will continue to live in the lives of those closely associated with him and with their children and with their children's children. Few lives that have lived in America have touched so many others so deeply and helpfully as his.

I think of you and yours often and constantly remember you at the Throne of Grace.

Your sincere friend

*Henry H. Sweets*  
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which he has preached

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Philip Lehman

December 19 1947

Dear Mrs Speer:

In the Toronto Convention  
in 1902, Mr Speer influenced me to become  
a missionary. While I was rejected in 1904  
for health reasons from going to China,  
for the past 27 years I have devoted my  
life to missionary work in penitentiaries.

This is to convey to you my heart-  
felt sympathy.

*C.C. McIntire*  
C.C. McIntire.

Mrs Robert E Speek,  
Lakeville Conn

Clarence Tolan, Jr.  
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L. C. Walker  
George L. Curtis  
John Cowles

Mountain Lakes, N.J.  
Nov-30, 1947

My dear Mrs. Spear:

I have your son of Essex  
far more than any man ever outside  
your home & my debt to Robert Spear  
is greater than that of any living  
man.

You have had the privilege of knowing  
a rich life & he also found occasion  
to a multitude who shared his thought  
& inspiration.

I have just been taking deep satis-  
faction in my writing a history of the  
Federal Council in describing his service  
which was far greater in both action  
& in the importance of a spirit than  
that of any of its leaders.

No Christian leader of my 80 years  
has regarded him in unselfish devotion  
& in a pervasive influence on the spirits  
& lives of his associates. You are a wonderful part.

Sincerely yours

Charles S. MacFarland

Miss Robert E. Spear

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MRS ROBERT E SPEER=

CARE MARGARET SPEER SHIPLEY SCHOOL BRYN MAWR PENN=

DEEPEST SYMPATHY LOVE IS THERE ANYTHING I COULD DO=  
HELEN COLEMAN.





WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE  
WASHINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA

November 27

Dear Mother: This is the saddest thing that ever was, - I have been thinking constantly, - for you, & all of us, - & for the whole world.

I haven't felt it possible to write a word until today Thanksgiving Day, it seemed I must just say, - how thankful every one has been, who has ever known him, (& you) for him (~~you~~). (You can count in 53 years for me - for I surely heard him speak Oct 10 at Brown Memorial and I have heard him longer I am sure than I have heard any other person who was living - 45

until <sup>then</sup> last week — and  
now hitherto with God for  
ever more" — But that is just  
what he has done, here  
also, isn't it? And so we  
ever more so —

No words can ever say,

I don't know where you are, I promised  
to Phila on Monday but it was too  
late then to get to Bryn Mawr  
Church — His was to let me know  
when & where the other service  
was to be — I suppose Connecticut  
— or else you have all been just  
to try help to let people know  
in time & make the journey,  
where it would be a long or hard one.  
Dear Lou, as always &  
never forgetting. How unworthy I feel of  
having sworn you with so many so well — & don't so

When Pleasant

from whom what your name is  
means to be as best as I always will  
I'm myself, I'm little about it

DU BOIS S. MORRIS  
515 PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 1947.

Dear Mrs Spier,

Since the word of your husband's death came our thoughts and prayers have been with you and your children. I know how firm your faith is, and <sup>that</sup> the Risen Christ is close to you, and that He will reveal Himself in new ways to comfort and strengthen you in times of loneliness, and to guide you through all difficulties. As it was for Robert so for you too it will be a time of victory.

Although I did not see Robert often during these past years, yet I felt the inspiration of his friendship, which was a large factor in my decision to go to China. He has helped me in many ways and I give thanks to God for such a great spiritual leader, whose life was centered in passionate devotion to free China and a life which will continue to be rich fruit in many countries across the world. On God's plan his life was completed and I give thanks for this and for the joy which Robert now has in a humble home, and in a close fellowship with his Lord.

With grateful appreciation and warm sympathy to each of the family,

Faithfully yours

Du Bois Morris

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MRS ROBERT E SPEER=CART MISS MARGARET SPEER

THE SHIPLEY SCHOOL BRYNMAWR PENN=

OUR LOVE AND DEEPEST SYMPATHY =

CHARLOTTE ADAMS. ANNA RICE.



184 South Third St,  
Tulson, N. Y.

My very dear friend.

Your thought touched us deeply; we so appreciated the privilege you gave us of sharing in the sorrow of Mr. Speers going and in thanking for the greatness of his life. To many of my generation there will be a peculiar poignancy in his leaving this phase of our life, for he was associated with some of the richest experiences of our youth. This is true of me and I shall always love him in my memory in reverent gratitude.

It was at Northfield that I first saw him and was challenged by him to the possibilities of a rich Christian life. He gave me a sense of its

reality and power.

I can think of no one who has had  
a more abundant entrance into  
the life eternal than he, nor one  
for whom the trumpet's tone  
sounded more loudly on the other  
side. In my heart and on my  
lips is the prayer "that, increasing  
in the knowledge and love of Thee,  
he may go from strength to strength  
in the life of perfect service in Thy  
heavenly Kingdom. What a comfort  
it is to know that those who love who  
have passed out of our sight are  
still vitally in reach of our prayers,  
of the prayers of Thee. I think I am never  
more sure of the reality of the spiritual  
world than when I stand in the  
presence of death.

My thoughts and my prayers are  
following you in tender sympathy

As you face the days ahead and  
I know that God's grace will not  
fail you.

It is not that a time ago that I  
saw you in Los Angeles; the change  
in Mr. Spear's condition was  
come very suddenly and the  
shock just - very great. I am glad  
that he did not longer to be helpless  
& could carry on with the urgent  
of his work here. But his going is  
difficult - to realize.

With your pleasant friend to the point -  
my understanding sympathy  
and thanks for the telegram.

With warm affection  
Your friend  
Charles DeWitt.

Thurs. evening Day, October  
1947.

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Dear Mrs. Speer,

This will mean nothing to you, so far as personal knowl-  
edge goes, but as one who owes much to your hus-  
band, I should like, at least, to record my sense  
of loss and assure you of my sympathy in  
the loss you have in these days of temporary sepa-  
ration.

My first meeting with your husband was in 1907,  
my first year as a Y.M.C.A. secretary. I sat for  
a Sunday after-noon under him, and then Dr. Matt,  
a Irish spoke on South America, before a group  
of student conference delegates in North Carolina,  
that after-noon sent me into the foreign service file  
Y.M.C.A., after a time as secretary at Georgia  
Rich. Over the years since it was my oppor-  
tunity to renew touch with Dr. Speer and to  
continue, also, to find up my indebtedness  
to him.

None can measure his service and influence, nor  
count the thousands who, like me, are deeply in  
debt to him for direction and inspiration, and



Can not try to, I rather want to give  
you this personal tribute of appreciation  
and sense of deep obligation to him whose  
help and help you have seen for so  
long. May you find comfort and sustenance  
in the father of us all. I know you will  
find much, too, in the memories of the  
years you had together and there will be  
an increasing sense of his presence with  
you. I am sure.

With the best of good wishes to you. I

am  
Sincerely yours,  
Eugene A. Turner

W. F. HEREFORD, D. D.  
123 S. GREENWOOD ST.  
LEBANON, TENNESSEE  
December 9, 1947.

Mrs. Robert E. Speer, New York City.

My dear Mrs. Speer:- I was greatly surprised, shocked and saddened yesterday to hear of the passage of your dear husband. So heaven becomes more and more magnetic to you. You now have not only the two dear children over there, but your life's partner besides many others that I do not know.

I remember hearing Dr. Dunlop's telling at Annual Meeting one time that when Dr. Speer was asked how many children he had he always answered 5, four were at such and such places and one was in heaven. Said he never failed to count the one in heaven. That was before fiendish crime happened that took your dear son from Mt. Hermon.

So you still have a husband and five children but they are not all with you at present. But how strong the magnet over there draws as time passes. Whatever our view of heaven may be separation is always painful, and human words do not give the necessary comfort, so I commend you to the comfort, peace and joy of the Holy Spirit. May God Bless You.

I am always a friend of the Widow of Robert E. Speer.

Cordially:

W. F. Hereford

✓

575 Hancock St  
Brooklyn 33 - N.Y.  
Dec 7 1947

Mrs Robert E. Sheer;

Rutledge  
Lakewood - Conn;

My dear Mrs Sheer I read in the  
papers a few days ago the passing  
of your dear Husband. This is a  
blatant expression of my deepest  
sympathy to you and your family.  
Words are inadequate I have met  
all of the family, except Mrs Margaret  
and when I mentioned it to Mr Sheer  
he smiled and said this is a jewel.  
He has finished his tasks and I  
know he used to quote St Paul and  
he has gone to receive the Crown of  
Life and await ~~to~~ the coming of his  
dear ones in God's own appointed time  
any one who had known him

through the years, could justly say a  
Man of God. Any many could rise and  
say, what a blessing to be fortunate  
to have known him and his works.

He introduced me to many clergymen  
and I came to prize their acquaintance  
which lasted until God had called

them home of the eminent scholars  
Christian Gentlemen Rev Robert Estlin D. D.  
I mentioned him to Bishop Wilson D. D. several  
years previous to his passing on. He exclaimed

Robert is a great fellow. We know  
he lived his life, and he lived up to his  
convictions. Kindly but firm.

In his 45 score years, they were full years of  
activity, and the world is better for his  
having been here. His heart was with

God and the dear ones of his home.  
A stalwart man, he has set an example  
for others to follow. Sincerely yours.  
Sydney C. Hutchins





DR. WM. T. WATSON  
DIRECTOR

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1/20/48 -

Dear Comm:-

I received a copy of the  
 every day when you are Chairman  
 of the student committee - I wish  
 to write of our dear Louise Brooks.  
 As you may have heard she  
 is in Hawaii. Home - in Jan-  
 21st. Maynard Thayer wrote  
 me - Louise had dictated a  
 letter that reached me in about  
 H. & date to say that she had  
 had flu and a relapse but was  
 on the way back - however she  
 could not longer carry the  
 'motivation and financial responsibility'  
 of the time - and was secretly  
 at sanitarium -  
 Now I am glad that she did  
 not have to make such a



more I find dear, capable  
 Edith Stanton had not been able  
 to locate a place that did not  
 have a long suite. But! -  
 Both Mrs. Mathis - the best friend -  
 we of the C.A. and the devoted house-  
 keeper Mrs. French were with her  
 when she finally passed - and I would  
 have it out there to help  
 everything they were Mrs. Thayer  
 wanted" She did a great deal of work  
 of the utmost and I am all going  
 to life never seemed to flag. I  
 still Mrs. Thayer would have  
 Louise when she was dead -  
 Louise gave a magnificent description  
 of how she had been not only  
 sustained - but quite power of which  
 to me limited as Louise was -  
 when I saw Louise - May that  
 she had some more work of  
 she had in Louise's hands  
 that she was some sort of fit



DR. WM. T. WATSON  
DIRECTOR

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at Silver Bay - and that he was  
now studying for the ministry!  
I asked if Leonard was really  
pleased - and she said of course  
he was - that he'd written that while  
his son wouldn't be another  
Phillip Brooks - but made his mark -  
and this from Leonard who had  
so carefully confined his Church  
going to Church on Easter  
Sunday - the Nat'l  
Lounge was serving  
Board -

Louise was always just  
herself - never sentimental - but she  
was a poet at heart and loved  
poetry - The fruits of her spirit  
was there for us all to see -  
The passing marker one that  
of our Vera Cushman - of whom  
I find myself thinking so often -  
How good it is to have years  
of a beautiful service for Christ



Dear sweet love  
to Rob!

~~Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Mulenberg Bulkeley~~

Tom Hed & Percy.

From the side

817 Fifth Avenue

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MRS ROBERT E SPEER, CARE MISS MARGARET D SPEER=

825 MONTGOMERY AVE BRYNMAWR PENN=

THOUGHT AND PRAYER FOR ALL CONSTANT AND TENDER. LOVING  
WELCOME FOR CONSTANCE=

=LUCY AND NED.

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MISS MARGARET G STEER=

835 MONTGOMERY AVE BRYN MAWR PENN

DEEPLY MOVED BY YOUR MESSAGE WE ENTER WITH FULLNESS OF LOVE  
INTO ANXIETY OF ALL DEAR MOTHER HELD CLOSE TO OUR HEARTS HOUR  
BY HOUR=

UNCLE NED.



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MRS ROBERT E SPEER, CARE MISS MARGARET B SPEER=  
=825 MONTGOMERY AVE BRYN MAWR PENN=

TELEGRAM RECEIVED THIS MOMENT. TOO DEEPLY STIRRED FOR WORDS.  
WOULD THAT WE MIGHT BE NEARER YOU TODAY. WILL BE IN  
ENGLEWOOD TOMORROW AND PREPARED FOR ANY SERVICE EQUAL TO=  
LUCY AND NED.

EDWIN M. BULKLEY  
TWENTY-FIVE BROAD STREET  
NEW YORK 4, N.Y.

Dictated November 18, 1947.

My dear Emma;

In Lucy's absence for the day only I write with surprise upon hearing through Beth Sailer of the move from home to that of Margaret.

The added word that Rob is in the hospital at Bryn Mawr gives added comfort, for certainly both need to be ministered unto to the limit of possibilities.

It is wholly impossible to express the sorrow felt by both of us, with a host of other friends, in what Rob is passing through and you in turn. The very idea of weakness and suffering, in the case of one as strong as dear Rob, is difficult to accept and I cannot but believe that within reasonable time he will be given back a goodly measure of strength, such as always associated with his splendid strength.

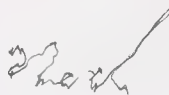
From day to day our hearts go out to you in all possible fulness, and I would that practical form could be given to help. If the least thing can be given form, I beg you to let it be known to us.

Hour by hour we hold you close to our hearts and nothing would count for as much with us as to do at least something for our old-time and dearly loved friends. I do not imagine you have any definite plans at present, but whatever you may have, please keep in mind our loving and longing desires.

Do not bother yourself with writing or in any other wise,  
save that either Lucy or I, or both, can lend a hand which is helpful.  
May Rob and you know of our longing desire hour by hour.

To Margaret and each of the children our most tender  
thought is also sent.

Ever in devotion,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. H. W.", with a long, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Do not tax your time and duties to answer this unworthy letter!

Berrybrook  
Orange, Virginia

November 27<sup>th</sup> 1947

Dear Mrs. Spear:-

We have just learned, through the New York Times of Robert's death. Mrs. Mack and I send you our deepest sympathy in these days of your bereavement.

For more than a year we have not been in the best of health, so missing the privilege of hearing Robert's messages in the Massanetta auditorium, and of having him in our home. This has been a severe loss for us, for fellowship with him has been inspiration for us.

It was not my good fortune to know him at Princeton. He entered the Seminary the year after my graduation. My first contact with him was during the Assembly's meeting in Philadelphia in 1901, when his noble, soul-stirring address ~~on~~ the Boxer Rebellion moved the great audience, which filled the church from vestibule to gallery windows frames, to tears and to deeper missionary resolution. Since that day I have held Robert Spear in reverence and love.

Please let us share your sorrow with you.

Sincerely, Edward Mack

45 Northview Avenue,  
Upper Montclair, N.J.,  
November 24<sup>th</sup> 1947

Dear Mrs. Spear: Having just heard of Robert's "translation," I am deeply moved by two emotions, which seem to conflict yet in reality combine in their appropriateness to this "Thanksgiving Season". I rejoice in the rounding-out of a triumphant and gloriously useful life and in Robert's abundant entrance upon the "eternal rest" which will be combined for him with ceaseless but unwearied activity in yet closer fellowship with the Savior and Master in whose service he has rejoiced through the eighty years of his earthly life.

I count it one of the great privileges and joys of my own life, but a year longer than his, to have spent so much of it in close association with him in our common task, the carrying out of "The Great Commission." Beginning with 1886, the year of the Student Volunteer Movement's origin, continued in Robert's first visit to my mission field of North China in 1897, strengthened in his visits to that field in 1915 and 1926, and in occasional correspondence during the intervals, and rounded out by the intimate association of the Foreign Board's New York Office from 1928 to 1937, my relations with Robert have combined most happy friendship with the reverence of a pupil for



a teacher. I have marvelled at his gift of inspiring leadership and at the clearness of his thinking and the power of his public presentation of his thought in recent years after my own physical and mental limitations have driven me from the platform. I have been grateful for the helpful messages of his books, whose usefulness will be long-lasting in their consistent glorifying of Jesus Christ and His Word.

After my first period of service in China, followed by fifteen months of substitute secretaryship in the Office of the Board, I was given a year of travel among the Theological Schools of the U.S. and Canada on Robert's recommendation, for one a difficult but very rewarding experience. In my service at "156" from 1928 to 1937, Robert was always most considerate and often over-appreciative.

The loss to the Church, and to the Cause of World-wide Missions in Robert's "passing" seems truly irreparable; the loss to us his friends most regrettable; and for the sad loss to his family one can only express profound sympathy and the hope that "the God of all Comfort" will comfort your hearts with that abiding sense of His Presence which He alone can give.

Most sincerely yours,  
Courtney H. Fenn

CABLE: "REVELL"

February 19, 1948

Mrs. Robert E. Speer  
825 Montgomery Avenue  
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Speer:

It was a pleasure indeed to confer by telephone about various matters, and I will keep in touch with you and will call and confer with you, personally, about various matters of mutual interest. In the meantime, you asked that I write you about the following.

When I was in Edinburgh, one winter, I met your son Elliot, and spent a delightful evening with him. While we were talking about various matters, he said that there was considerable water between Edinburgh and Northfield. Of course I was familiar with the situation there. He reached around and took from a nearby book case, a book regarding medical matters, and turned to the chapter on high blood pressure. He had underscored certain sentences and he told me that whenever he was under pressure, at Northfield, on the part of one individual who was suffering from high blood pressure, he always thought about the book and the underscored sentences, and this gave him confidence and courage to go on with his work.

About ten days before the tragedy at Mount Hermon, I visited Elliot at Northfield, and later in the afternoon, was present in the Administration Building where I was talking with my good friend Mr. Roberts, who was the Alumni Secretary. Elliot joined us in the hallway, and a moment later the former Dean, or possibly the then Dean, came out of his office and talked with us for a few moments. There was a certain intangible something that I noticed immediately, and when I went home I told Mrs. Barbour that I could not understand why, but there certainly seemed to be a screw-loose in his relationship toward Elliot.

Naturally, I have hesitated writing you, but I mentioned these two experiences on the telephone and you asked me to write them out for your private papers.

At home, and in the office, our hearts have been with you all during the past weeks, for we have missed your husband in a very real and personal way. We had turned to him often about many matters, as was true of so many others who looked to him for guidance and advice.

Very sincerely,

*W. R. Barbour*

William R. Barbour

WRB:pc



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91 LIND AVENUE  
MANSFIELD, OHIO



Dec. 2. '47.

Dear Mrs. Speer,

Mrs. White I want to join many others in sending you and your family our deep sympathy in the absence of Robert from your group, & from us all who loved & honored him. I have been hearing him with vast profit since 1889 (in College at Wash. D. C.) I have often said to others that Dr. Speer is the greatest personality I have ever met. I never could account for him; he seemed superhuman to me. No other man has ever seemed so. I doubt whether any other man has influenced so many others so profoundly, during the past 60 yrs. So there is much to be thankful for, in his long and wonderful life. He will continue to be of great inspiration to me, as long as I live.

May wonderful & adequate com-  
fort be given to you all.

Most gratefully yours,

J. Campbell White



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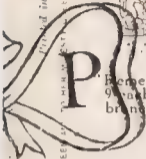
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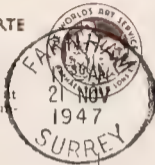
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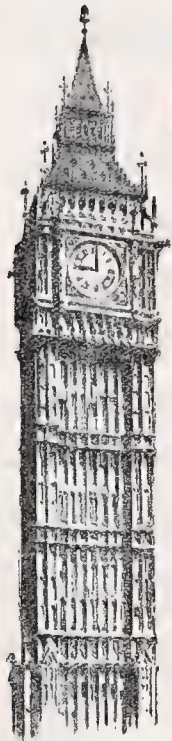
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FOR CHRISTMAS  
AND THE NEW YEAR

*The Richardsons  
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U.S. America*

# THE BIG BEN SILENT MINUTE OBSERVANCE

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"Stirling" Menin Way, Farnham,  
Surrey, England. 19/11/47.

Dr. P. C. Cooper,  
Connecticut, U.S.A.

Our very dear friend

Christmas is drawing near & therefore  
times to be thinking of our friends in a special  
way & to wish them the deep joys of the Season.

We surely send our heartiest best wishes for you  
& yours this coming Christmas season and  
also pray that the New Year will be full of good  
things for you & that you will be ready to meet them.

We look at the picture of your house & imagine  
your sitting on those fine verandahs & enjoying  
the beauties of the scene - stretched out before  
you, including the "long valley & four little lakes".  
- At our "Stirling" Cottage at Kodai Kanai we looked out  
over the beautiful lake to the hill side beyond covered  
with Eucalyptus trees with bungalows dotted amongst  
them - When on the way home the last time from

## THE DEDICATED MINUTE

derives from a conversation in the mountains round about Jerusalem. The idea was in the mind of a British Officer who was killed in action in December 1917. Before he died he talked over his idea with a brother officer who just before the Day of National Prayer in May 1940 began to spread the Observance.

Millions are now uniting in prayer when the signal calls. The prayer is that the Light of God's presence may be manifest in our midst to fulfil His purposes among men.



India, one day on the steamer we were talking about the kind of bungalow or house we would get; Mary's little Indian girl said, shall we get a view?!. She used to hear so many of our visitors at Stirling exclaim about the very beautiful view from our verandahs. To her a view included a lake. We have good views from our present Stirling but they do not include a lake but they do include the Castle - the home for centuries of the Bishops of Winchester - The diocese became so large that it was divided some years ago & now the Bishop of Guildford lives at the Castle while the Bishop of Winchester lives at Winchester - We are situated right on the old Pilgrims Way, the road used by the pilgrims going from Winchester to Canterbury.

We have been having good news from Miraj India; churches are being built in some of the villages where I started schools, one is just completed at Malgaon about 6 miles from Miraj & two others are being begun at Ghosa & Sori towns where Mr Seiler & Dr Graham were stoned & driven out!! last month I was at the parish church of Christian preaching morning & evening & speaking to a fine Sunday school in the afternoon - It was certainly a privilege to stand in a pulpit & speak to a full church instead of a lot of half empty pews. My subject was work among heathens - It was the first time I had worn a surplice - Security is rather late in life to begin a new thing. I have tracked

in other Episcopal Churches but have managed to  
escape wearing the Surplice without giving offence -  
Walking in procession with the Clergy & Choir the whole  
length of the Church, the Vicar thought it would not look  
well if I had no Surplice! So of course I put it on and  
it was a great surprise to myself how perfectly unconscious  
I was that I had it on -

Both Mr Richardson & I speak in Churches of all denominations  
The lady is just completing next month, three years series  
of talks on the "Women of the Bible" to a United Organization  
of Women - She is a popular speaker in the Churches  
around this part of the Country.

We often wish we could be speaking in U.S.A. again -  
Next Spring will be the fiftieth anniversary of my  
graduation from <sup>Parson's College Iowa</sup> College & they are talking about a Reunion

of the surviving members of the Class. I was up in  
the A.S. some days ago asking the Cunard line if they  
could give us places on any of their ships next May  
& they said 'scarcely a hope'!

Moreover our present Government are making it almost



This is now the 26<sup>th</sup> November & it has been a wonderful day of Cheering  
The Marriage of Princess Elizabeth to Philip Mountbatten.

impossible to leave the Country for a holiday -

We are hoping for a General Election soon, but the present Government will do their best to stay in power as long as possible even tho they are making a mess of things - So many of them seem to have no knowledge of God - One of the latest acts is to legalize betting pools & tax them -

One member asking in Parliament that foot-ball betting pools be abolished was laughed at -

The leaders of the Churches are really beginning to waken up to the seriousness of conditions and are beginning to do something, first of all by getting together -

We have had two occasions of peculiar pleasure this year - first in June when we went to Southampton & had a surprise meeting with the Howards on the way to the S.A. on board the Queen Mary - Second, when we had the great pleasure of having Mr Kincaid in our home, on his way back to India. Enough -

We wish you the Happiest Christmas  
Yours very Sincerely  
R.R. Richardson

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December 5<sup>th</sup> 1947

My dear Mr<sup>s</sup> Speer,

It was kind of you to include me with those to whom you sent the memorial notice, which I read this morning under circumstances which made the prayer for me a veritable benediction. I had come off a night train to the Witherspoon Building, and the city as well as the building was very quiet. Going through my mail I came to the memorial notice, and as I read the prayer, in the hush of the morning, my soul was greatly blessed.

You will be flooded with letters like this, from many who knew Robert very much longer than I, and I should not presume to write at length about him. But words cannot tell what an impress he made upon me, and how much more real Christ became, as I saw him in Robert's life and heard him in his voice, since we first met.

To have been permitted to be his teammate in the Seminars through the years is one of my most precious fellowships, and it was a great day in my life when he let me into his heart by calling me by my first name and allowing me to do the same to him. It will be hard to live up to such a friendship as his, but we shall try not to be unworthy of his trust in us, and our service for Christ will be the spur and more intense as we think of his incessant devotion to Christ — to the very end, such was for him but the beginning of the life eternal.

The Service at Bryn Mawr was perfect in its vision, faith and the momentary meeting with you and your beloved family after the service was an opportunity to see in you and yours the same overcoming grace, as you held yourselves with assurance and confidence at such an hour.

I did not mean to write at this length, but every word comes from a grateful heart.

Commending you to God's tender keeping.

Sincerely yours,

Walter Barlow

P.S. As I do not have address,  
you may have address  
with me I am sending you  
this to New Brunswick.

Cunard White Star  
R.M.S. "Queen Mary"

Dec. 31, 1917,

My dear Mrs Speer,

I am sending you this  
little note as the old year  
passes into the new. Tomorrow  
we are due to reach South  
ampton. As you know I have to  
give the Croall Lectures in  
New College, Edinburgh, and  
shall be away till February  
11 when I arrive back home.

How grievous I was that a  
bad attack of Bronchitis which  
obliged me to stay in bed for a  
number of days deprived me.

of the joy of visiting you in  
Bryn Mawr before I left Princeton  
as I had so much to do for-  
ward to doing. But this pleasure  
Mrs Macky and I hope to have  
together when I return.

I feel so much lonelier this  
year as I cross the threshold  
of an opening year ahead. The  
thought of Dr. Spurr in the flesh  
united past + present and stretched  
on as tomorrow comes up  
with its problems. But if the  
way is more solitary, it is  
also more radiant. His life  
and words remain forever as a  
precious heritage to inspire  
other pilgrims on the Kings



Cunard White Star  
R.M.S. "Queen Mary"

Highway.

When I see you I wish  
to talk over a little paper  
which has been taking shape  
in my mind to perpetuate  
to Spens' memory in a  
worthy way on our Seminary  
Campus. He was a lover  
of books. I would like to  
see our new library called  
by his name.

And now let me thank

you for the gown. I can  
never wear to. Spun mantle  
in a spiritual sense. but  
it will be a joy, and  
inspiration to wear it day  
- a day in a physical sense  
in our Chapel service in  
the Seminary. May, may  
thank you for your loving thought  
in sending it to me.

May our Father's presence  
be over me today as 1848  
begins. Give my warmest  
greetings to all the members of  
your family.  
With affectionate personal  
regards,  
yours very cordially  
John A. Mearns.



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Speedy  
Recovery

is the wish of

Paul and Bernice Abbott

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7 Gramercy Park W.  
New York 3, N.Y.,  
Nov. 24, 1947

My dear Mrs. Speer;

When Mrs. Abbott and I heard last week of Doctor's illness we were much concerned and now that the end has come we are grieving with you.

I should not have used that word 'end' for we know that for him it is another glorious beginning. When the news was told me this afternoon it seemed as though I could hear the very music of heaven and the words of the hymn "Ten thousand times ten thousand throng up the hills of light". It is easy for me to imagine the "rapturous greetings" of those whom he led and inspired and who had gone on before, some of them as martyrs. Surely there will be joy with loved ones too. You must think of these things at this time and may it be a comfort to you. As I have

Travelled about so many have spoken to me of the splendid spiritual life which he has been giving to Christian leaders all across the country. Only yesterday at Schenectady a pastor said to me "There are no two Robert Speers." We did not know as we were discussing his recent contribution to the life of the church that he was even then laying his burden down.

Like thousands of others I was one of those who in their youth were moved by him to offer themselves for service abroad. I have never doubted the reality of that call or regretted the step which took me to China.

May God hold up you and your dear ones in this hour of sadness by his unfailling presence and divine solace, filling your hearts with the peace that passeth all understanding.

Sympathetically yours,

Paul & Jessie Abbott

SHERWOOD EDDY

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NEW YORK CITY

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December 16, 1947

Mrs. Robert Speer  
Lakeville  
Connecticut

My dear Mrs. Speer:

My illness in hospital with severe bronchitis, threatened with pneumonia, is my only excuse for not writing you earlier to express the deep sympathy of my wife and myself regarding your great bereavement. Thank God you know the Christian hope to the full and have the consolation of Christ as few have it.

I have already told in my description of your husband's life, of my high regard and deep affection for him. It was from Robert that I received the greatest spiritual lift of my life during Northfield days, more than from anyone else. I thank God for his full, ripe, long, and fruitful life, and assure that Louise and I are remembering you day by day.

Very sincerely yours,

*Sherwood Eddy*

James Arthur C. Boyle

THE AMERICAN MISSION  
TEHERAN, IRAN

December 9, 1947.

My dear Mrs. Spear,

You have been constantly in our thoughts since we learned of the death of our beloved Mr. Spear two days ago. He was a great and noble man and to so many of us in the Iran Mission a true friend of long years standing and always a wise and wonderful counsellor. To you he was your dearest and the loss you suffer than any-  
one knows; you have our tenderest sympathy.

My first memories of Mr. Spear go back to student conferences at Kottahid and later at Lake Bay, when I was a student at Worcester at the turn of the century. I can still hear his voice in the beauty of the sunset hour on Round Top, drawing us all very close to the Lord Jesus. That is what he did all the years - made Jesus Christ real to men and women.

In these times of such

with misery and suffering all over the world,  
so much confusion in man's thinking, so  
much despair as to even judging the way  
out, I think I feel most thankful for Dr.  
Spicer's unshakable faith in God and  
its ultimate triumph for His Kingdom.  
His faith helps to keep me steady and  
strong and I thank God for that and for  
all his life.

When brother and I were at home last time -  
'39-'40, we had the joy of hearing Dr. Spicer  
preach several times in New York. One  
sermon he preached just after Europe started  
the war and it made a profound impression  
on all of us who heard it. "If the funda-  
mentals be destroyed, what can the right-  
eous do?" I think that was almost the  
last time we saw him.

I like to think of Dr. Spicer home-  
going as full of joy and glory, of the  
revelation he had from a great multitude  
whom he had helped to know Christ, of the  
special sweetness of the Lord's "Well  
done, good and faithful servant."

"And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steady on the ear the distant triumph-song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong."

Mr. May in a very special way helped  
me to hear that "distant triumph-song."

My husband wishes to send to you  
and your children his deepest respects,  
and mine. May God bless and keep  
you all!

Your sincere friend,

Annie Stocking Boyce



631 WEST END AVENUE  
NEW YORK

December 8, 1947

Dear Mrs. Spear:

You have been in my mind and heart every day since your beloved husband and my dear friend left us to reclaim the "crown of righteousness" which the Lord had waiting for him. He had fought a good fight. He had finished his course. He had kept the faith. More than any man it has been my privilege to know those great words of the apostle Paul could be said of your dear husband.

When he was at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees at Princeton we were all very much concerned about him. He admitted to me that he really should not have come but it was like him to be there to fill his trust. I shall treasure the last note I had from him. It was written just before he went to (Cuba) manor. He told me that he had just been able to "check home" and had been confined to his bed. In keeping with his fidelity to every duty, he wrote to ask me to see that he was excused from a meeting next week.

No one of us will be able to put



into adequate language all that he has meant to the  
Christian Church in the many phases of its activity which  
he served. I know that you will be receiving many  
memorial minutes in tribute to his life and service.  
You will be receiving such a minute immediately after  
the first meeting of the Princeton Board of Trustees.  
In the meantime I know that I speak for each and  
every member of the Board when I write you of our great  
love for him as a stalwart servant of Christ and the  
deep sense of loss which we feel in his departure from us.  
He will continue to be with us in spirit at every meeting  
of the Board and we shall rejoice in his fellowship.

On behalf of the Board, as well as on my own  
behalf, I send you our sincere sympathy and we pray that  
our Heavenly Father will undergird you with His sustaining  
power and fill your heart with an abiding peace.

I am sorry that I did not learn of Dr  
Sheer's death in time to attend the service in Bryn  
Mawr but I did get over for the body service in the  
chapel in Englewood.

Sincerely

B. F. Farber

*Faint, illegible handwriting*

235 West 75th St.  
Appt. 32, N.Y.C.

Dear Mrs. Spurr.

When I learned today of the sadness  
I wanted so much to have you know  
that you are in my thoughts. My  
sympathy goes out to you — wishing only  
there were ways to truly help.

I know that I have met you  
and Mr. Spurr just once, but ever since  
that evening when Carlins and I had  
supper with you I have thought of  
you both often. Whether or not you  
knew, that single evening meant a  
great deal to me. There are so very  
few people one meets in this world of  
whom one deeply feels that life was  
rich and good — few people who have  
given greatly to others of their richness.  
It is a precious gift.

I could not but feel that you

and Mr. Spurr were of these rare people.  
Together - something radiated from you both,  
filling your home and touching each  
person you knew. It touched me very  
deeply, and I came away that  
evening feeling that if I could live  
nearly as bountifully in this goodness  
you both had together that life could  
be the beautiful and generous thing I've  
always thought it could be.

I talked to Cassius tonight, and  
she was at least with Mr. Cookman, I am  
so glad. You are all the same  
people - so fine. Perhaps some day  
I shall visit you again with Cassius.  
But I shall think of you.

with all sincerity,

Sally Chamberlain

November 25<sup>th</sup>

Send list  
fast  
thick

SHERWOOD EDDY

~~WILMINGTON DELAWARE~~ 347 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

Telephone: MUrray Hill 9-3668

Jan 1/1948  
Jacksonville, Fla

Dear Mrs Speer:

I have thought of

you day after day since I heard of Roberts  
home going. There is so little any one  
can say as do, and I know that you have  
in full measure the great consolation  
so that you do not sorrow as do the  
rest. Through all the days of Northfield,  
from my first conference about 1889  
when I had my first awakening through  
Moody, it was only Robert Speer who  
struck the deepest spiritual note and  
who helped me more than any other in  
the deepening of my spiritual life. I remember

in the winter of 1891 when I was in the Ymca  
and he in the Board going to him one  
evening to discuss spiritual problems.  
As my eyes were bad he read aloud while  
I lay on his couch. I saw your photo on  
his desk when I lay down and when I  
opened my eyes and looked up it was  
gone, so I said nothing.

But I think of you now as the one  
who must go on alone - yet never alone -  
for a very little while. Louise and I  
(who are now on a three months campaign in  
the colleges till Easter) will be remembering  
you in prayer.

Faithfully yours  
Sherwood Eddy

✓

My dear -

I want to add my word  
of abiding affection and  
sympathy to Charlie's letter.  
We think of you daily and  
carry you in our prayers.  
Lovingly, Malvina B. F.



CHARLES W. GILKEY  
SOUTH YARMOUTH  
MASSACHUSETTS

December 9, 1947

Dear Mrs. Lee,

Ever since I saw you in  
going to town with me & that  
morning, I have seen in the  
in that short visit with you both, the day  
before you went from La Riviere; and I have  
found comfort too, as I am sure you will,  
in the fact that Dr. Coffin could be with you  
I could not find a friend - after these  
months as your near neighbor, and your  
kind and association in so many ways.

That last glimpse of Mr. Merrill, with  
his kind & strong friendly voice, how  
kind to me even before we were  
realization of his profound influence on my  
life through the past years - and surely  
longer, the Sunday twilight of my youth.  
I can show my eyes, as I had seen that same

once as its stake, as it stands, and as  
happened in 1902 — And above all as  
stake & as when I was then  
secretary at the Waugnesboro Conference in 1904.  
My whole life has been a life of  
struggle; and in that struggle I have  
many enemies and friends, of the number  
of which I believe who "rise up and all  
will be laid."

Geraldine and I have spoken often of the  
burdens you must bear with a certain  
ease. We both hope and pray (as I have often  
said) that you will find with the burden  
of the weight of burden from the old, your own  
burden of loss and business may  
relieve by the nearness and comfort of your  
own, and above all, by "the peace of  
God, which passeth all understanding."

Geraldine and I hope very much to  
find you still at Weymouth when I visit  
you at the Shipley School in April 25  
Sincerely yours  
Charles E. Kelly

✓  
145 Cottage St. New Haven, Ct.

December 5 - 1947

My very dear Emma Speer

No words can express my loving & tender sympathy for you & your children in all that these days mean to you. I am thinking much of you & remembering with deep gratitude my many contacts with the great men whom God raised up to serve His cause.

Of all the many times it was my privilege to hear Mr. Siver speak, one occasion stands out with special emphasis. Do you remember the visit you

both made to Jerusalem (as it  
was then) in 1896. I think that  
was the year. We had many  
meetings & gatherings but the  
closing meeting was to me the  
most impressive & helpful. Mr.  
Speer spoke on John 13:34, 35. I  
have wondered much on what he  
saw & felt in our little circle that  
led him to emphasize the subject  
of love among Christ's followers.  
Also I have wondered if his talk  
touched other hearts as it did mine.  
Fifty years is a long time to  
remember a quiet informal  
talk, but it was only one of  
many given all over the world  
that Our Father was able to see.

There are so many other  
tender & inspiring memories of

Mr. Spier that come crowding  
 back to me, - in your home &  
 in mine in Virginia & Stamford  
 (when he brought us word of  
 Father Sabree's death at sea)  
 & in so many, many confer-  
 ences & churches in his office  
 in New York. I can only thank  
 God that it has been my privilege  
 to know both of you!

Please do not think of re-  
 splying to this note, - it is simply  
 a hand held out in tender &  
 very understanding sympathy.

Very affectionately

Wm. Schuyler Platt

✓  
Geneva 1 Dec 4,  
1 ave Grenade

My dear Mrs Speer,

Another one of my dearest friends in USA gone! And I feel more lonely for this great loss and assure you of my deepest sympathy. your dear husband has his fixed place in the history of his church, in the religious life of America and in the hearts of a host of friends. But that kindness and chri-

stern friendliness which  
you both have shown to  
a foreign friend counts  
more than double in  
my heart and memory.  
I was so pleased to  
meet you both at The  
Coffins at Lakeville  
two years ago and to see  
then how strong he still  
was. Now his Master has  
called and I feel sure  
that he was ready in his  
faith as you surely are



when you had to let him go. He has deserved after all his labours a long and glorious rest. How wonderful to see Heaven open before us and to believe that those who leave us are going to see finally their Lord whom they have served so faithfully. Please express my deepest sympathy to your children - I met your daughter here many years ago

I shall write a note on  
the work of yours beloved  
one for the Ecumenical  
Press Service because he  
really belonged to the  
Christian family so much  
more comprehensive than  
this or that denomination

Yours ever

D. Adolphe Keller

Tahiti, Fran.

Dec. 7, 1947.

My dear Mrs. Speer,

How precious to me is the letter Dr. Speer wrote to me last August! He wrote it in connection with a gift which he sent to an old friend in Arunua, Kasba Balilla. I have just returned from a month's visit in Arunua. My headquarters were in the house of Kasba Balilla, although I spent a major portion of my time in the villages.

Dear old Kasba Balilla was most grateful to Dr. Speer for his letter and gift, and especially wanted me to write and thank Dr. Speer. Over and over he added, "and tell him that I once told me about a minister in France who did his most effective work after

he became blind." Parsha is now quite blind, but he continues to preach and to use every opportunity to advise and help in the Lord's work. Dr. Spear's words about the blind ministers have given me heart.

How many there are who would say the same, that Dr. Spear has changed their lives! I am one of the least of these, but I shall never forget his letter of comfort written to me after our son, Bob, was killed in the war. He quoted a few lines of poetry which I have added to my best devotional book, "Five minutes a day."

"What can we do when the unhealed  
Hangs in a mist with which we cannot see  
What but look round and with faces pale  
Speak to each other softly of a hope."

I thank God that I know Dr. Spear.  
Very sincerely yours,  
Fringwater Bentley.

Thomas W. Hotchkiss  
1125 Grand Concourse  
New York 52, New York

Nov. 26 - 1947

Dear Mrs. Speer: -

The news, published yesterday in the New York Times, of Dr. Speer's death will come as a shock and a sad regret to a host of friends. I met him as a College classmate at Princeton, where his scholarship and high moral influence were unexcelled. His personality and activity in all good works - even his vigorous strength as a football player - made him distinguished, admired, respected and

loved by all.

Since that distant time his career was onward and upward - always consistent and admirable in every way. So he will be remembered, - an ever living example, whose life story is an inspiration.

Mrs. Hotchkiss and I extend to you and your family, our deepest sympathy, our great respect and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Hotchkiss

✓  
499 Bayville Avenue  
Albany 3, New York  
December 18, 1947

My dear Mrs. Speer,

When the word came that Dr. Speer had passed into the Life Beyond, my prayerful thoughts turned at once to you and your family. But I have waited a while before writing, knowing that hundreds of messages will be coming to you from all over the world.

If, eventually, you are able to read "all of them", I should like you to know how deeply I thank God I am that I



has had the privilege of  
knowing Dr. Spurr ever  
since they found each other at  
Vassar, where I talked  
with him about becoming  
a student volunteer.

I have been thinking back  
over nearly fifty years  
to the Dubuque conference  
at Northfield when he  
spoke to us, urging us  
to "Remember Jesus Christ"  
and to make those three  
words the rule of our lives.  
I have never forgotten how  
real it made our Lord  
Jesus, to have a young  
man say to us, "I like  
to remember that the

was just my age when He began His ministry -  
He brought Christ very close to us, and I am  
just one whose life was given new direction  
at that conference -

During the years since then, there have  
been many times when His words and the  
radiance of His Spirit have been as a  
guiding light, making clear our path  
step, or shining ahead on the high road.

I am profoundly thankful for all that  
He has meant to me and to others -

a multitude that no man can number -

I know, dear Mrs. Speer, that you are  
not left comfortless in your deep sorrow.

May the peace of God keep your  
heart at this holy Christmas time -

and in all the days to come.

Sincerely,

Sam E. James.

C. S. Reed  
1 Edgewood Garden  
Springfield 9. Mass

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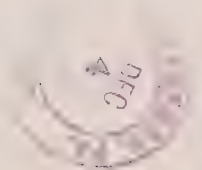
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2 December 41

Emma Beloved

I am on my way to N.Y. again to stay a few days with Maunie & tomorrow <sup>at "600"</sup> to hear the reports from the China World's Council, it will seem like old times to be going to "600" from Maunie's hospitable roof - but what great differences the years have brought - & what blessed & fruitful memories. I will wait to close this to write the latest of Maunie. (I will send this on arrival - write again) I have been reading over with such deep gratitude letters of MHS of Nov. 20 - 23 - 24 - & your dear note from the hospital on the 23<sup>rd</sup> - I am so grateful too for telegrams from Mornie & from the National Board. My mixed & hands fulfilled their tasks & at their first leisure fly to you with loving - with thanks - giving - Oh. what a comfort to know you are with Mornie - I have been thinking over the years - How beyond my deserts have been my privileges! Memory is a blessed gift - but deeper than memory I am sure this every moment of time when we have lived it in Spirit, is not was - & so forever is a present possession - we can't retain in consciousness all the Beauty & Wonder of <sup>all of these moments</sup> it - but they are there deep down - a resource of strength and delight to bless us when we draw upon them. I am not expressing it well - My heart is full of loving & of thoughts - I love you - ceora

Edgewood Gardens

4 January 47

Anna dear - "re express receipt letter the date -  
- our last is sent to M.H. - but not - very you wrote "Mass" on your  
postal for it - give me the sound of your voice on the telephone & I love  
that I have a great longing to see you - to speak of - so much - but  
I know that will come in good time - the light - the bios - have new  
meanings - a ~~new~~ more true, the real world - How slow we are in  
realizing it as a fact - I have been thinking too of the "ist" time &  
heard of "I gaze about" - "The Presence - in which  
- have always been" - of - to keep conscious of this how  
much easier the days would be - almost all weariness <sup>of anxiety</sup> comes from  
forgetting it - when you think of me pray that I may not waste  
precious energy in anxiety when God's work is all to bless those whom  
I love & am anxious! I have heard about "the Man Born to be King" radi-  
ciple reading it - Some time, my love - my prayers are yours more  
than ever - I am sleepy to night & cannot write properly - fifteen to  
dinner to-day - & so we are busy - but all are well - It is so good  
to have Co. the & her new little boy here - Good night - I love you - C.



noon sitting with Miss Emerson who is very miserable  
 & then I cooked the supper for 11 - so it has  
 been a full day - but I feel well. I love  
 to think of you in Mornie's home being taken  
 care of - Love to her & to impat. - Annetta's  
 face in the Expresswood Cemetery was a benediction.  
 Love again C.

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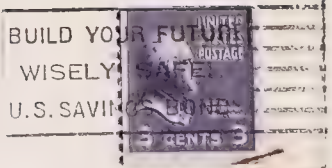
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Mrs. Robert E. Spear  
 825 Montgomery Avenue  
 Bryn Mawr  
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Epiphany - Glad to have your card this morning -  
 In your letter of Dec. 31 you enclosed the  
 Express receipt with Walpole N.H. so I  
 knew all was well -  
 I + pen this morning tidying - this after -

noon sitting with Miss Swanson Miss is very nice the  
a then I confided the subject for 11 - so it has  
been a full day - but I feel well. I have  
to think of you in Mornie's house being taken  
care of - have to her a to suggest - her water's  
gone in the Cumberland Cemetery was a home district  
here again.



C. S. Reed  
1 Edgewood  
Springfield *Mass.*



Mrs. Robert E. Speer  
825 Montgomery Avenue  
Bryn Mawr  
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Epiphany - Glad to have your card this morning.  
In your letter of Dec. 31 you suggested the  
Su press receipt with Walpole N.H. so I  
know all was well -  
I - pass this morning 1. day - this after -



"He and I in your bright glory,  
One deep joy shall share;  
Mine, to be forever with Him  
His, - that I am there."

In a fly leaf of a college book  
of Robt. E. Spurr

1 Mrs. Lucy Hillis

Box 991.

Rock Hill, S. C.

Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> 1948.

Dear Mrs. Spicer,

Ever since learning of  
the passing of your noble  
husband I have had it in  
my heart to send you a line,  
telling you how my heart goes  
out in sympathy to you in  
your bereavement as I have  
been passing through the  
same experience and know  
something of what it means.

I have felt things that I  
did not have the right to  
intrude as I have never had  
the privilege of knowing you  
personally but my husband  
was so devoted to Dr. Spurr  
and held him in such high  
esteem as we all did who  
knew him. My father, Dr.  
Alexander Sprunt of Charleston,  
S. C. and my brother James  
had the pleasure of knowing  
you both, I believe.

A few days ago I was looking  
through some of my husband's

papers and I came across the indeed  
beautiful lines. They were marked as  
"in a fly leaf of a College book of  
Robt. E. Speers" and were sent to my  
husband by a niece of his. How they  
came into her possession I do not know.

They seem so appreciable to both your  
husband and mine and although  
you may have them I felt moved to  
send them on with my love and  
dearest sympathies.

Please do not feel that you must

acknowledge that in sympathy, and  
know you have had so much to do  
to do.

Praying that the God of all comfort  
will comfort your heart as He alone can  
do so.

Yours in loving sympathy,

- F. J. Little

(Mrs. Lucy L.)

19 November 1947.

1 LEXINGTON AVENUE  
NEW YORK 10, N. Y.

My darling Emma -

It seems to me you  
are very nice to go to  
Bryn Mawr and be near  
Marnie. You'll all be  
so much happier during  
the winter. The trip

to Lakeville was genuine  
love for Marnie, I hope,  
into the care and treatment,  
your dear "Robbie" will  
steadily improve. No  
doubt he has worked too  
hard - he always has.

Thank you for your check  
- I didn't write you for  
money, but they'll be glad  
to have it at the office  
and will send you the

receipt. They seem to  
be fairly hopeful at  
the Asa. Board office.  
Did you hear that Henry  
Luce started us off with  
a gift of \$50,000? -  
and Mrs. Moore is working  
hard for the Emergency  
Fund. It's a wonderful  
person!

Do wait a bit before  
writing to Mrs. Baker. If  
you hear anything about  
her - or prefer to write  
let me know.

I go down Katie every  
week. She is going out to  
South Orange for Thanksgiving  
& is very happy at the  
prospect. She has been out  
of her home only twice  
I believe since coming



down October 5<sup>th</sup>. Her birthday  
is Nov. 27 - & she will  
be 81 as I am. I wish  
she had some of my good  
health. She seems very  
frail. She was happy  
that Mary French is coming  
back at the end of the  
week. She hopes to be  
able to go to the World  
Service Council Luncheon  
on Dec 2 -

Mrs. Hatch has told  
me that you seemed  
doubtful about being  
able to come to the luncheon,  
and we both are hoping  
for nice find it easier  
to come from Bryn Mawr,  
& find it easier about  
leaving your husband,  
I want you come and  
stay with me - the

right before or the night  
after or both - I'd love  
to have you. You could then  
stay for the Bd. meeting  
on Dec 3 - & Margaret  
& I will speak  
at a For. Div. lunch  
we hope to have on Dec 3.  
Mrs. Anderson will speak  
at the World Service Council  
meeting. Please come -  
we all need you.

Thank you for your loving sympathy  
about dear Mrs. Preston. I loved  
her devotedly and shall miss  
her beyond all telling. I  
can't think of Tamedate without  
her - we had been neighbors  
there for 43 - years, & for  
four years before in Princeton  
since 1900. She was a  
rare and wonderful person.  
Give my love to your husband  
and to Marnie & Lupata, & keep  
well for yourself, my precious  
friend. I'd soiledly Martha F.

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MRS ROBERT E SPEER

=825 MONTGOMERY AVE DRYN MAWR PENN=

=HAVE SHARED MARGARETS TELEGRAM WITH CLOSE FRIEND WHO JOINS  
WITH ME IN LOVE AND PRAYERS AND HOPES FOR RECOVERY COM AND  
ME IF THKERE IS ANYTHING I CAN DO

=MARTHA FINLEY.

"Dear, dear, dear Dr. Spear"

This is what I said  
to myself as I picked up "Five minutes  
a day just after breakfast" to read as I do  
each day. Then I said, "Why not write  
Dr. Spear as he intended doing since  
leaving him in Naples last summer?  
I heard you only once in Naples but  
I was truly thankful for the privilege  
and bought two of your books which mean  
much to me as Dr. Jorretto's "Come ye  
apart". They are very "staple" besides  
the Bible and a copy of "Psalm and Hymns"  
my grand-father used in the pulpit of  
his church, Knoxville Tenn. Dr. James  
Park was his name.)  
I was more than anxious to hear you  
and had been for years and was so  
glad to hear you. "Be hail stood at  
the door and knock - " was that the  
text? One thing: "I have shame that there  
he should knock at any door". I think  
that is what you said, is that the exact  
quotation? I have thought many times  
of your simplicity, sincerity and

wish too had directly you sent  
to the patient. I just want to thank  
you and tell you how much I  
wish I could hear you often. May  
God bless you and use you for  
years to come in this world which  
has always needed help but so much  
now. I wish more of us could or <sup>would</sup>  
to the good you live in your day  
and generation.

Are you ever in Detroit? My daughter's  
husband (Prof. Thomas Williamson)  
is Associate Pastor of The First Presby-  
terian Church there. I wish I knew  
how much and could do the good  
you have.

This is a letter, when I intended writ-  
ing a note. I hope you will not  
think me impudent! This takes  
my sincere good wishes that 1948 may  
be your best year for we need you.  
Your sincere friend

414-3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Thebe Hughes Simmons  
Home Georgia (Mrs. Capers Simmons)  
Jan. 21, 1948



✓  
137 Carroll Avenue  
Colonial Heights,  
Petersburg, Virginia  
December 7, 1947

Dear Mrs. Speer,

May I  
send you a bit of a  
message to express my  
sympathy to you.  
that the companionship  
of so many happy  
years has slipped  
over to the other  
side. No matter how  
great your faith is;  
how real eternity  
is; how very close  
your Master and  
his Master is; there  
must be a strange  
loneliness in your  
heart and a seeming  
emptiness in the  
days.

you may remember  
that I wrote you while  
Dr. Speer was in the  
hospital regarding a  
pamphlet of Miss Flint's in  
"Five Minutes a Day"  
and you wrote me two  
very lovely, helpful  
letters.

Perhaps I told you  
that Dr. Speer had a  
great influence upon  
my life back in  
my college days when  
he did not even know  
me. I was just one  
of the thousands of  
college students who  
heard and answered  
the great challenge of  
his stirring mission-  
ary messages.

In the summer  
conferences of the Y.M.  
C.A. among the hills  
of North Carolina I



heard him <sup>2</sup> tell of the  
need of the world and  
our responsibility to meet  
that need and take a  
great part of it here! I  
felt I must go - and  
I did (to Brazil)

Then in recent years,  
since being forced  
to stay in this country  
I have heard him  
year after year at  
the Massanetta Confer-  
ence. I followed his  
messages through  
two series of services  
held in Petersburg  
at Tabb Street Church.

I can hardly think  
or speak of the spirit-  
ual life without be-  
ing conscious of his  
influence upon my  
thinking and my  
experiences in the things  
of the spirit.

I hardly ever make a  
talk without quoting  
from him. He lacked  
all extremes and fanati-  
cism but was al-  
ways conscious of his  
keenness of mind and  
his spiritual power  
and his great power  
founded on his abid-  
ing faith in the ever-  
present Christ.

One of his early books  
that seems to be out  
of print now is still  
my constant compa-  
nion. The pages are  
almost falling out  
but through the years  
it has helped to hold  
me steady through  
many hard places  
and seemingly impos-  
sible situations. I  
am referring to The

Master of the Feast. It  
 went with me to Ore-  
 gil and even now as  
 I write is here on my  
 bedside table.

At Massacotta we all  
 were conscious of a  
 great blessing just  
 to know he was in  
 our midst.

I was writing Mrs  
 Hudson today (Mrs  
 Hudson created and  
 directed the Massacotta  
 Conference) and I  
 told her that even  
 heaven would seem  
 more heavenly now  
 that he was there.

It was just one  
 step far from because  
 he lived with one foot  
 in eternity and his  
 hand was always  
 slipped into his

Master's. There is no  
one to take his place  
in missionary leaden-  
ship. I have always  
felt that he and per-  
haps John P. Matt  
gave the impetus to  
the missionary awaken-  
ing of the passing  
generation.

May his Master  
whom he knew so  
intimately and served  
so well for so  
many years supply  
every need of your  
empty heart and  
reveal Himself to  
you in a very special  
way. May He bless  
you and comfort you  
and be very real to  
you in these days.

Lovingly,  
Ethel L. Brown



HENRY B. MASTER  
THE MERMONT PLAZA  
BRYN MAWR, PA.

December 8th

My dear Mrs. Speer:

I have waited until  
now to write and say to you  
how deeply my heart's sympathy  
is stirred at the thought of  
your great loss — and the loss  
of all of us. Needless to recall  
to you the respect, the admiration,  
the keen appreciation Robert had  
from all who knew him. He  
was one of the most wonderful  
men whom God has raised up to  
lead His people and His Church,  
and how magnificent and blessed  
was his leadership! I have seen

him in the most trying situations,  
always with perfect sacrifice of himself  
and knowing exactly what was best  
to do - and gradually drawing  
others into agreement with himself.

How much his sympathy and  
encouragement, and wise advice  
meant to me, I can never ade-  
quately express.

God who led him through the  
green pastures and beside the  
still water, has taken Robert to  
be with Him - may He grant  
us grace to follow in his train -  
and something of his glorious  
faith.

Sincerely

Henry D. Master

ARTHUR J. BROWN  
1235 PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK 28, N. Y.

Feb. 5, 1948

Dear Mrs. Speer:

I am sorry to learn that, through some inadvertence, the enclosed action had not been sent to you. As you know, the Trustees of the Church Peace Union include Protestants, Jews and Roman Catholics. After the reading of the Memorial, the President, Dr. Ralph Sockman, asked the Trustees to rise and stand in silent prayer. It was a deeply moving moment.

I keep you in my heart and prayers. High on the list of the blessings that God has given me is my long and enriching association with that glorious soul. I am preserving your letter among my treasures.

Ever affectionately,

Arthur J. Brown



219 Walnut Street  
Englewood, New Jersey

Nov. 26, 17

Dear Mrs. [unclear]:-

What a beautiful service  
it was yesterday, so informal  
and tender, it did mean so  
much to all of us who were  
present and privileged to  
be there. Then too we loved  
the gathering in our home  
with the intimacy of the  
family circle and we do  
thank you for coming to us.

I called up Sylvia Oberg  
last evening and told her  
about the beautiful service,

2 she was greatly touched that  
you should have sent her a  
message at this time.  
I also talked with Inez  
and told her what you  
said. She took Inez over  
to the cemetery about five  
o'clock and it was fairly  
dark in the sunset. I left  
the lot in such a hazy order  
I could not contact with  
Bailey until this morning.  
She too appreciated a hearty  
welcome message. She said  
she had used the cards  
from the church to memorial.  
I went over to the lot this  
morning and found everything  
packed. Our white chrysanthemum  
emblems were still in the

3 Chapel, so I took them to the lot and  
placed them at the foot of the grave  
patrons and on Elliott's, with Eleanor's and  
Henry and Pauline. The next from the  
class of '89, which was of several christenings,  
had been placed at the head, the other  
flowers around the entire grave. I  
could not tell as to any other, the position,  
I do hope when you do see in connection  
if with much interest & an entire approval,  
and also that we had right in having  
some of the bushes in middle.

Enclosed are some valiant  
spirits and beautiful fruit  
'tis indeed an example and  
strength not only to your family  
but to your friends as well  
and may thank God for your  
love to us, and Oth. and I  
throughout the long years.

Without words you know  
what comes from the in-  
ward sanctuary of our hearts  
as we carry you and yours  
to the throne of Grace.

God continues to uphold,  
strengthen and comfort you  
as he always does. Of course  
this letter expresses not the  
fullest of our love.

Love to all  
Yours  
B. H.

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The North Field

December 3-1947

Dear Friend of so many years, -

If only I might send you a word which would bring to you the strength which came to me from your husband's <sup>note</sup> when Aubert went!

But I know that you have been living in the comforting strength which is given by our Father when we need it, and I am sure too that you give thanks that He went first, - I do in my own case.

Ever since I was a junior here at Northwood and Robert Bess came to speak for Student Volunteers, he has been one of my heroes -

Aubert and I loved him and

found, in ever constant ac-  
'titudes to better living and  
truer devotion, — Woods do  
so little for me as I try to say  
the fraction of what he meant to  
us, in so many of life's strange  
events, — but I think understand  
my love for you in this deeply  
sacred experience, in a path I  
followed two years ago — I share  
in as far as I am capable, — in the  
wrench of separation, — and in the  
joy of the 'sure hope' that he  
is now knowing the abundance  
of life, — I rest in knowing  
that God's tenderest love is holding  
you.

Devotedly

Frances Woods

✓ 1819 N. Nevada ave.  
Colorado Springs, Colo.  
Dec, 9, 1907

Dear Mrs. Spear; - Though this must  
ever be a lonelier world without  
Robert in it we can all rejoice  
that as the shadow fell upon  
his wonderful life the glorious  
dawn of God's eternal morning  
broke upon him. I feel as if  
a part of myself had gone on  
out of this world with him. How  
he will be missed by a great  
multitude! And there's no one  
to fill a small part of the void  
that his going has left in many,  
many hearts!

We can rejoice for him but  
we all pray that God may raise up  
very soon another such champion of  
the faith & statesman of missions for  
the need is very great at such a time  
as this; and the hearts of us all  
go out in loving sympathy to  
those who have shared his life.



<sup>2</sup> for so many years. When I met him in Springfield, Mo. last spring little did I think it would be the last time we should meet; he seemed so well as he poured out the riches of his mind & heart & his wonderful knowledge of the Bible & human nature to quicken the spirits of Presbyterian pastors in that conference. His mantle must fall on some one.

I have been away from home on the New Life Movement, down in the San Luis valley at Salisa, Alamosa, Monte Vista & Del Norte, Colorado & found this sad news awaiting me on my return & a letter from Rob Labaree brought the word that his homegoing occurred in Boylston Mass. It was at the Nashville Student Volunteer Convention that I met Robert first - my appointment as a missionary of the Board occurred in Mar. 1906.

I sailed for Persia in Aug 1906 so it  
is almost 42 years that he has been <sup>3</sup>.  
My ideal of Christian manhood and  
leadership & my inspiration with Christ  
in all my years of missionary service  
this book "The Man Christ Jesus" had been  
most helpful to me before I met him.

As we thank God for his inspiring  
life, we pray for abiding comfort  
of the Holy Spirit till the joyous  
reunion in the city with both foundations,  
& may God's presence be very real;  
and may the heartfelt sympathy of  
loving friends support you in this  
sacrificement. -

Ever affectionately yours friend  
& Roberts. - Harry I. Peckard.

Mrs. Cleland B. Mc Afee 735 Washington Street Wellesley, Massachusetts

Nov. 25-

1877

My dear friend:

I had two transcripts of over-  
when Margaret's telegram  
came - What a glorious  
welcome to Heaven,  
would be ready for  
your beloved and honored  
husband - and then I  
thought of you - and  
what it will mean to  
you, to go on living  
without such a  
companion! I know  
you know, so well the  
way to comfort - and in  
the end, to peace - but I  
know too - the way is often  
dark - and the riches  
and joy, of so much love is one!

If they sent this soon to  
me, in my time of  
sorrow and loss - and  
it will comfort Dad be-  
cause it came from Him -  
Some one sent me a sentence  
from a letter he had, from  
my husband when his wife  
was taken home - and it  
was a comfort to me -  
It was "Thank God for many  
happy years, and all  
eternity."

I will not write more now -  
but I will be comforted & trusting  
I will be praying for you -  
for all the world's sinners  
what your loss is - but  
how glorious your sacrifice  
must be - of a life so  
wholly consecrated to the  
service of God - and for the world.  
To all the young & old & all!

This is the Soreu - "author un senu"  
(he said)

They are not one who fall  
Beyond the class of the  
Out from the string-embace,  
They are but come so close  
We need not grasp with hand  
Nor look to see, nor try  
To catch the sound of feet.  
They have put off their shoes  
Softly to walk by day,  
Within our thoughts, to  
Lead at night, our dream-led  
Hour of sleep.

They are not lost, who find  
The surest gate - the goal, and  
Their faithful gears  
Nor lost are they, who reach  
The summit of their climb  
over

The beat above the clouds  
and stooms,  
They are not lost  
Who kind the light of God. "  
Sun and stars and God."

"  
- I trust Thy strength,  
Make it my own!  
My heart with peace is blest;  
I lose my hold - and Thou comes down  
Darkness and cold unrest.  
Let me no more  
my comfr. draw  
from my fail hold on Thee;  
Do this alone, rejoice, with awe,  
Thy mighty grip on me!"



Mrs. Cleland B. Mc Afee 735 Washington Street Wellesley, Massachusetts

March 24.  
1948.

My dear Friend:

I want to say, first of all, that I do not want you to feel you need to answer, the letter I send you - I only try to send you some thing, that I am sure will help you -

This letter, as every time I thank you, for the word of "our oneness in Christ" we're our dear ones, and so we are not separated - It is true, and we believe it - but how truly one does ones "the touch of a vanished



Lead and the sound  
of a voice that is  
uttered!"

I have just found—

"Are we immortal" by  
Munged Kirkland - you  
have probably read it -  
It is very good indeed  
comforting - Just today  
I saw again this sweet  
word of Mrs Colledge, after  
the death of her son -

"And where you were  
before, you left the gates  
of heaven afar, afar,  
that I might glimpse,  
approaching from afar,

The glories of His Face,  
And just this morn'g  
my mail brought me

The Fellowship of the Spirit  
by Dr. Speer -

"Easter to Pentecost" -

dated 1947 - I am so  
glad to have it -

I appreciate your word  
about our prayers for  
our children! All mine  
as all yours, are in the  
midst of heavy work -  
and only we, who are  
near them from the  
Spain - They seem to  
be under, all the time.  
There seems no way  
to avoid it.

I hope you will

Have a beautiful  
and comforting Easter  
services.

Ever truly

Harriet B. Mather

Mildred has been asked  
to be the inaugural  
speaker, when the new  
President of Park College  
is inaugurated - <sup>March 31<sup>st</sup></sup> - I am  
going with her - to see  
the old grounds & the place  
that meant so much. Her  
Grandfather was the founder.  
& her father was there  
all his early years - of  
life & work - and we lived  
there for some years after  
our marriages. and I grad-  
uated there. I will go, also  
to Hanover - to see Katharine  
before I return - by April 10<sup>th</sup> or thereabouts